

Saturday 14th.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

Well, the wust is happened. Again. Susie will have to leave tonight to go back to take over her station as Henry has to give it up, and John is expecting to be transferred to another place at almost any time. There are money matters to be taken into consideration also. She very badly needs about \$300.00 and will have to get further ~~exist~~ loan on the place. She owes about \$1,000 on it still and will have to get some more to take over the station. If she loses out on the gas the place will be worth very much less. She hopes to sell this spring as money matters are loosening up a good bit more since the election, and the spring is the correct time to sell a place like that. Of course she would sell right away if she could.

After having her here for a while to help me out it is going to be terribly hard to go back to doing things alone. I want Kay to get rid of most of his rabbits, but he doesn't want to, and will hang on as long as he can. It is hard for him to take care of them, but he gets up at 6 am to do it, and I have to feed them in the evening most of the time.

Susie is awfully sorry to miss you again, but can't do anything else. You might write her a note. Her address is Minnie A. Newman, Box 64, League City, Texas.

As I wrote yesterday, we are completely broke. Hope you can wangle a few dollars to allow us to buy bread and butter. Heaps and heaps love, Ever always, your own

Alma

Philadelphia, Wednesday night.

Alma Darling:

So sorry to hear about the freezing weather. Suppose we did not suffer as much as many others. Give me more details about what happens.

So glad ~~Perry is~~ on hand. Have no doubt he is proving very useful. While ~~he is resting up~~, it may be a good thing to provide him an allowance of \$5 per week for his incidentals. Make it more if you think desirable. It is desirable to raise his morale if possible.

Go ahead with the idea of putting out lime and lemon trees on the terraces. Perry can help with that.

Am over my ears with plans for the campaign. Fred Moore is sick and that increases complications.

The winter series is off with great enthusiasm. Academy of ^{and} Music packed _{with} 1500 in overflow meeting. Total contributions \$7,200. Way beyond expectations. \$4,000 contributions in Baltimore.

Tell Perry to write me his first impressions.

Heaps of love

Kirby

The Price contribution saves the day for the Page!'



SACRAMENTO, CAL.

Pocatello Friday AM

Dearie:

arrived safely. Spoke at
the Univ. of Idaho charged
at nine. Excellent response.

arrive Pico just before 8

Tuesday morning via Union

Spent morning

Pacific with Ray Newton & Mendenhall

& afternoon with Ben

Cherrington

Will to see you!!

Your

Hirsey

Dear Sirs.

I hope you all
had a very pleasant
Xmas. We certainly
did appreciate your gift
and we do thank
you.

Mother spent Xmas with
us. I hope she enjoyed
herself. and I think
she did although it is
hard to tell. Father,
John and I spent
Xmas with Mr & Mrs
Dolson. We went down
last Sunday and Mother
came back with us
and stayed until Tues
nite when John &

Johnnie came by after
Dinner.

Barbara is getting along
fine after having her
tonsils removed and
will start back to school
in February, I sure did
hate to see her miss but
she was way ahead and
it did not matter so much.

Glenda's eye is getting
much better although
I don't think it will
ever be perfect again.

Otherwise she is just as
full of life and sunshine
as ever.

Eris is feeling all O.K.
again and things are

beginning to look brighter.

Ed and the kids had
gone to Sunday school and
church this morning. I did
not go as my legs were
so sore from climbing.

so much I took on a job
last week I wanted to
get rested enough for next
week.

We have had very warm
weather here all week do
not even need a fire but
when it does get cold at
night will be felt.

I hope your family
is well and will enjoy
a very happy New Year.

With love from both,

Billie

Las Vegas, Thursday A.M.

Sweetheart:

Hay fever with a bang! So our hill does make a difference.

Got a lot done on the train, nevertheless.

Four meetings here at the State Normal University.

On to Kansas City at midnight.

Please send me carbons of letters signed after I left. Also letters to which these were replies.

When questionnaires come for my place have K open up enough bookcases to hold them, filled geographically.

Heaps of love

Kirby



D. P. SIMMONS, MGR

Cortland, N. Y., 193

Enroute to San Jose - Friday AM.

Sweetheart:

Have seldom had such a heavy schedule as during the past two weeks. Good response all along the line. Feeling remarkably well, in spite of revival of hayfever in Colorado. All gone now.

Had a good visit with Ben & Edith Cherrington.

Unless I were otherwise, plan to meet me at L.A.-S. P. station at 9 AM Monday. Better go by Western Union on Monday morning before going to L.A.

Eager to see you
Yours only
Kirby

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Alma dear:

Just arrived. Hay fever much better. Ran into snow in Colorado & Western Kansas.

Sherwood arrives on Thursday. He asked yes to send another \$100 for the bill. Better use it for rabbits!!

Will tell you about folks as I meet them.

Had good time in Buffalo with John & Alva & his conference.

all the money
in your bank &
in your safe &
not in the hands of
any one

loss

loss

the ~~will~~ will be
in the hands of
any one

Sat-

Dirby Dear -

I wrote Alma that
I would go to Calif -
when she got ready
for me - to place to stay
garden work to do, eat
Mr Hatfield is working
I have the house all
to myself six days a week
has rained an awful lot
now its cold & ugly.

but I am all right
Hope you keep well.

Love Mother

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Enroute Thursday afternoon

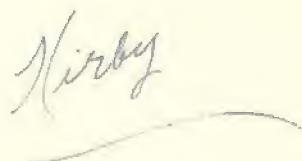
Sweetheart:

So far all right. Slept like a top. Feeling OK.

When you come to make financial arrangements for the new house, agree to pay \$75 per month, or \$83.33 if strongly preferable, as a total monthly payment on principal and interest. Borrow as much as possible on the combined value of the lot, the house and the garage-house. If necessary I will borrow the necessary difference in New York. The remaining \$300 on the lot will be sent within two weeks. Be sure to have that provision about building and maintaining both roads written into the contract. Better build the garage-house as cheaply as possible, probably a frame structure, 16 by 20 feet. Be very deliberate about putting in rock-gas. If in doubt, don't! Oil burners are a possibility for early morning, except in the living room where the fireplace will be adequate. Look into this oil burner business! It is also possible to cook with oil, if gas and electricity are too expensive.

I covet details!

Heaps of love



Tuesday -

Alma - I am not quite so
historical as I was Sunday - I told
Kirby I would not stay in this room
much longer, but I can stand it -
there seems to be no use to bother
you now not until the work starts
on the house & you need some
one - if your Mother will go -
there will be no need for me -
please tell me about things, if
the plans go through - etc
no use to bother about me
& will stay once place -

Write - lovingly

Mother.



ALLERTON HOUSE
143 East 39th Street
NEW YORK

Sunday afternoon

Dearie:

The book is finished! Goes to the publisher in the morning. Hope it will do a world of good. The writing of it has been a blessing to me, at least. Am inclined to believe that it is superior to *Living Creatively*, although certain chapters of the latter are better.

Here is a check for \$100. Will it be possible to squeeze through October without much more? We are still in a bad jam. What about the insurance money for the Louisiana accident? Can I help out at this end. When this comes, most of it had better be used to put the money back in the savings account for mother.

Tell me lots of details. Your letters always put new life into me.

Forgot your birthday until this morning! What a combination of forgetteries we have! But you're are constantly in my thoughts and prayers. I thank God for you!

Love and kisses

Kirby

Dear Alaea: -

your letter came
just as I was starting
off on a bit of vacation
because I am so
piled and worn out
just can't keep going
until time for real
vacation - just as
soon as I return I'll
see the moors come
and get ~~the~~ piano
and get ~~the~~ but
I fear it will be
a bit delayed as
school closed and
we are not supposed
to move out anything

that requires the elevators
from June 1st to 25th.
You see there are
automatic elevators &
the Engineers have to
be here and they are
on vacation - so we
have to wait until they
return, which I think
is the 25th as summer
school books start
coming in. -

The other things you
mention we have to
send separately when
we move - that is the
Chinese table - it is
packed in a box in

Forker - I don't know if Kirby
told you or not but we are ^{at} present
in a two room apartment
and so stored quite a lot +
things - Ie no idea what box
the table is in - the tray I
think you must have - I
haven't seen it since you were
at 524 - however I never le
aving the "picked up" things
You took some things when you
were there one time and I don't
remember -

The winter has been such
a hectic one and I've been so
worried and upset I've just
wanted not find - Easter has
been very ill - and Geez with
no job I've had my hands full
Sister is coming on the 16th in
about two weeks and I'm
hoping the change and if we can
get away somewhere we'll keep her
a lot - she just went completely smash

Virginia is working
now so that keeps a
feetle - but I'm not
surprised that Es
will indeed well see
she carried the part
five years - Dr. Dick
now a Rev. and Change
will mean a lot -
so I'm saving my
meal vacation time
until I see what she
needs most. -

Daddy is failing so
fast we fear not to go
home, but Gene is at
present doing some work

but one of the relief
organizations so I can't
get any vacation and
so we just decide
and undecide - but I
expect August will find
me houseward bound.

How I'd love to see
the new house. Then
Ray to take some
pictures and send me.
I can't imagine KP
making a garden, but
you never can tell -
you never can tell -
has "Ray" got his dog
yet? I so often
think of you and
wish I could see

You - have a good chat - some
waffles and some good Texas ham.

See Reed you all are mail
the day we start the pieces off -
Gene soap & wife also depend
on boat sailing - but Tell Mary
Freudine its going speedy - and
I'm glad see kept & far her
and didn't let Daddy Page tell
& once upon a time. —

They look to you all - someday
I see do better at writing but the
days have been so hectic I only
did the actual necessary things
and went to bed to get ready
for the next - deluge. - so glad
you are all together and
the goose bumps high

Affectionately

Boyle.

Bece Mountain
Riverside Lodge
Sunday.

I wrote her ~~Sorry - too late~~
already rented for two years & Kish
Vocational Service for Juniors K-O.

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Director

Dear Alma —

Received Kirby's letter
last week and have been
waiting to answer it until
we knew a little more about
our own plans. We are
considering taking the down
stairs apartment & depending
upon developments for the

summer.

They just told me at
the C.H. office that
some one else had written
Kiley about it. Will you
hold up plans with them
until you hear from me -
which will be in a short
time - Let me know later -
I want to get these in the
evening mail. - ^{Hastily} Clance

Monday.

Darling:

I am wondering if you got my letter in Seattle. I forgot about Sat. & Sunday coming in but hope the college mail was delivered.

In case you did not: the walls are up, and Postal hopes to have garage roof on by late in week.

Only one day lost acct. rain. rain predicted this week probably. Weather pretty good just now.

Heaps and heaps and
heaps down there
some

always your
Alma

Houston Tues —

Kirby Deal & sent alma
a note a week ago - ten days maybe -
& asked her to forward it to you
and to write me right away, but I
have not heard. It went as they I
suppose - why not let me go on
like you first said. I do not want
to transfor to your train more
expenses - & its no use. I will be
all-right. Mr. Hatfield was operated
on for appendicitis - back home yesterday
regd Marc to wait on him, & cook & clean
want to get out soon as possible -

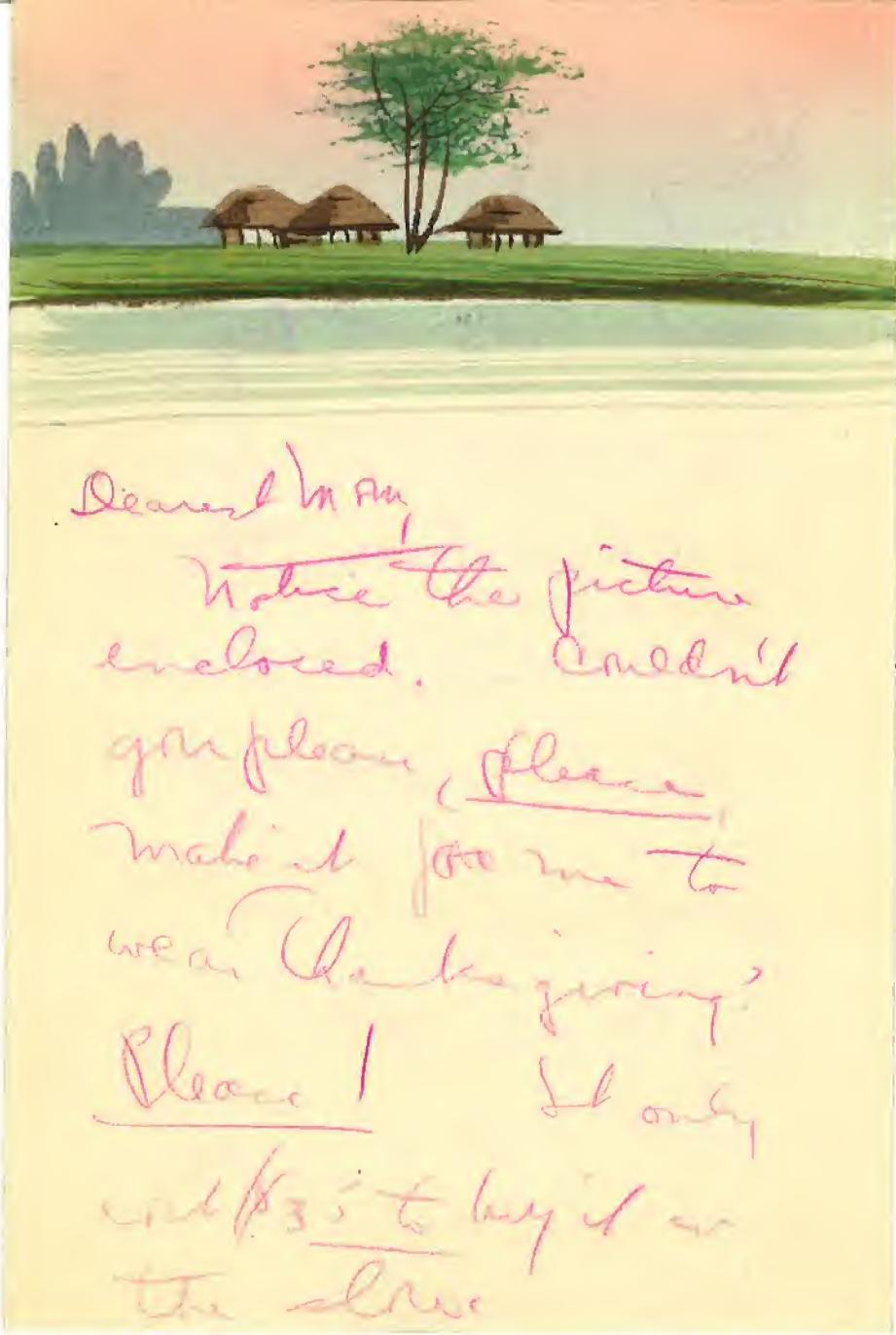
Love from Mother -

Mon-Kirby Dear,

I send a note to Huntsville
telling you I would wait for you
but have not heard from you so
expect you never read it
hope to see you at Clovis, N.M.
all well here - love.

(I did not need the last check)

Mother



Dearest Mam,

Notice the picture
enclosed. Couldn't
get photo, Please
make it for me to
wear Thanksgiving.

Please I only
want \$35 to buy it as
the dress.

(3)

Translated but I
think I could be
cheaper than to ~~buy~~
the sofa as good quality.
but have known the
other dresses, but I
will be reading it
so why not make
for the ~~beginning~~?
Will you please ->
- That's a deer, I know
you would.

(3)

Mail it out of a night
red, flower (without) crin,
crape, a girl a night
crape, with white pine
buttons. (Wouldn't
that be ~~better~~?
Get the ~~in~~ instead.
I will use some
pink brooch and, and
we could eat stone
in full. So
united. So

The sleeves are at least
twice as wide as
the green ones and
different at the shoulder.
just set in the arm
holowith the extra
piece.

Tell me what week
end I should
come home. —

Send me
the
extra
piece
my
old
one
to
Mary



ALLERTON HOUSE
143 East 39th Street
NEW YORK

Kansas City Mon. morning

Sweetheart -

all well so far!

Will be at Hollister Mo Co.
Student Conference until Tuesday
noon the 11th. Then to
Grinnell Iowa Co. Institute
of International Relations until
Friday afternoon the 14th. Travel
15-16 arriving Seabeck Wash
Co Student Conference Monday
morning.

Heaps of love

Kirby

Sunday night

Dear Anna:

I hope you didn't have any trouble on the trip. I know the roads have been awful.

Of course you know that Ella Pearson is dead. The Sullivans came down from Dallas and the roads were so - bad - so much sleet and ice - it took them all day to make the trip.

They didn't start back until this morning.

We have had pretty sunshine for two days now but it is still cold.

Norma has been so upset about Ella that I haven't had a chance to make any plans yet. So come by or phone me.

We have an extra bed (a good one this time) so come and stay all night if you can.

I am so anxious to see Mary, and you too, of course.

Surely hope mother and Mr. Murry are well. If you come by here, come out main to

Blodgett and turn to your left.

Cross Dowling and we live in the first
brick apartment house on your right.

Come back the walk to the last entrance
(there are three) our apartment is ^{24 1/2} Blodgett
No. 23.

Hope to see you soon.

Phone - L. 7754 Love to all.

Edith

Dear Alma —

I take it that Kirby
is home now - so that I can
answer both letters at once -

Re - the house -

From all I could learn the
Hubbs have completed arrange-
ments for moving and making
the changes - Mack had talked
with them this week and
they seem to be all set -

Zoo — the friends we were
negotiating with had to make a
decision by May 1 - because it
involved another location -

We have accepted it and
have made no other plans and
will not until fall - depending

on developments in the mean time
so forget it for the time being
and we will let you know
of any change in plans if and
when we can - Thanks for
the note - Only - If things
haven't moved so fast and
you went so far away we
might have been more
methodical - I can imagine
you will write an essay next
of the minimising of property.
What shall we do about rent -
where can we pay it -

About the things to be
sent - We shall get at them as
soon as we can - Much is painting

now - but works at night over town -
shall try to connect some week
end. He will have to get some
boards for ceiling - I may have
to advance the money - but
will get bills - you mean the
single bed springs - oil legs -
don't you - and which mops
and when are they? Is the
gold bldy lamp the one in
the basement? Chest of
drawers tall with 5 drawers
in oak - how large are they
in attic & what is in them -
was mop in attic - or had
you left it downstairs - I
don't see it - wonder if Peters
had used it.

How should they be sent -
American Railway Express -
& insured?

Did Kirby get the financial
statement - if it is not clear
I have coal bills and receipts
from City Housing -

Don't forget about the sun
porch top - advise tax paper
& paint -

Shall we count on bed
rooms, hall & possibly kitchen
in fall?

Pardon scribbling - I
do want to get this off -
Wonderful about the new house - During
it sounds so exciting. Clarice

Tues —

Kirby Dear, your two letters helped me & I wrote again to day that unless her Mother went out, I would as soon as she needs me that is if the plans all carry through & she needs one on the ground as the building goes on. I see no use for Mrs. M & myself both go ahead, & use the money — wish I could help some way, I will stay on here for a time.

I love you
Mother

January 2nd, 1935

Dearest Mother:

We had a glorious Christmas season together. It was the first time the four of us were in one place on Christmas day since 1928. We really had a marvelous time together.

The weather here has been mild and brilliant. We go around without overcoats even in the evening. We have driven about the country a good deal and it is beautiful beyond description, as you well know.

The youngsters are back in College this morning after a fine rest. I am to be here until January 10th when I start for Kansas City, Chicago and New York.

We had a wonderful time at the Asilomar Student Conference. There were nearly 500 young men and women present from all over the State. I talked steadily while I was there. It was a grand chance.

We had a good laugh over your Christmas letter. I can well understand the difficulty you had in being blue with so much excitement about you. That is always the way, something comes up to spoil a good cry. There really should be something done about it!

On Sunday, Alma and I drove down to San Diego where I spoke Sunday night. We stayed the night with friends and I talked again at a luncheon on Monday. It is a beautiful drive along the coast and we enjoyed it hugely. On Sunday and Monday I am going up to Stockton, San Jose and Berkeley, then I am coming back here before I leave for the East on Friday morning, January 10th.

In my next letter I shall probably have a big surprise to tell you about.

Lovingly yours,

January 4, 1935

Dear Leak and Norma:

You will be greatly interested in the enclosed copy of my letter to mother. Read it before continuing this letter.

If you can assure mother that you can send \$20 or \$25 per month regularly this whole project can easily be financed.

There is no doubt in my mind that she would be much better satisfied in her own house on this hill than anywhere else.

At any rate we can talk this all over when I come on Saturday January 12th.

It will be good to see you folks again.

Affectionately

Whittier, January 41, 1935

Mother Dear:

Prepare to take breakfast with me on Saturday morning a week from tomorrow! I expect to reach Houston Saturday morning the 12th at 7:20 via the Santa Fe, and to leave at four in the afternoon for Kansas City.

Now hold your breath!

We have bought a hill! An acre and a half hill all to ourselves, and are planning to build three houses on it - one for ourselves, a tiny little cabin for you, and another one for Mother Newman.

The place is about ten miles from Whittier and about five miles from the nearest village. Is that far enough away for you? We have literally all of a hilltop so that nobody ever can build close to us. At present the nearest house is half a mile across a deep valley with no direct road. A good gravel road at the back of our hill leads to a paved boulevard, so transportation is easy.

There is an abundance of room for the houses and for all the gardens that all of you want. AND YOU CAN GARDEN TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT ALL THE YEAR ROUND! So prepare for HEAVEN! You can be by yourself as much as you want to and can be with us as frequently as you desire.

There are marvelous views in all directions. The hill is higher than the surrounding country. Long Beach is about 25 miles away and is easily visible. Indeed the mountains of Catalina Island about 45 miles away seem near at hand. The snow caps of Old Baldy are to the east and to the north another snow peak and range. To the northwest across a deep ravine are high hills covered with vegetation. The whole valley is full of orange and other orchards. An orange grove - a big one - runs to the foot of the hill. It would be difficult to find a place more secluded and yet so accessible by good road. AND THE PANORAMA IS UNEXCELLED!

This is what you have dreamed about all your life!!

And the whole thing can easily be financed. The Federal Housing Administration is ready to lend the money, or a loan can easily be secured through a building corporation. We have paid \$1500 for the entire hilltop of 1 1/2 acres - there is plenty of flat ground for gardens, not like Black Mountain! We expect to build a house costing about \$3,000. A small cabin for you could be erected for \$300 or \$350, and I am enclosing a tentative plan. The three houses can be put far enough apart to give plenty of privacy. You could stay absolutely alone as much as you want to.

You have about \$500 in cash and Leek owes you about \$1,500, so money does not stand in the way. We could use your cash to build your place and Leek could pay it back \$20 or \$25 per month. After you got here it would be much cheaper than paying rent in Texas.

The climate here is superior to South Texas. Everybody tells us that such a high hill as we have is warmer in winter and cooler in summer -

there are fewer fogs and less chance of frost, and in the summer more breeze. It is not often that a house possesses a view of both ocean and mountains. And this one will be so SECLUDED!

Alma is eager to have you for company. I will continue to be away a great deal and the children - you will know what I mean even if they do not understand that I am referring to them - will be at school most of the day and frequently in the evening. You and Mother Newman would have separate houses and would not need to step on each other's toes. I would feel much better if you were with Alma than to have her all alone. If both of you grandmothers were there it would make it easier for Alma to run around with me for various trips in California where I am speaking. WE REALLY NEED YOU!

you

The cost of living is much less here than in Texas and could live for a song. There would be no need for you to leave the hill more than once every three years!

We expect to have the houses ready to occupy by May. I expect to be in Houston again about May 6 and all three of us could come out together. The tourist fare on the railroad is just half of the regular fare and it would not cost much to get you here. Remember you have the money now! Hot-ziggity!

I am sending Leak and Perry a copy of this letter. Talk things over with them. When I come on Saturday we can talk over details of procedure in making the shift.

Both Kirby Jr and Mary are more excited over this than you can possibly imagine. Going away from the city was their idea. Alma is in ex-tee-see! It will be a grand place for me to do my writing.

I shall be leaving Los Angeles Wednesday night. An air letter will reach me if you mail it on Monday.

Excitedly and affectionately your boy

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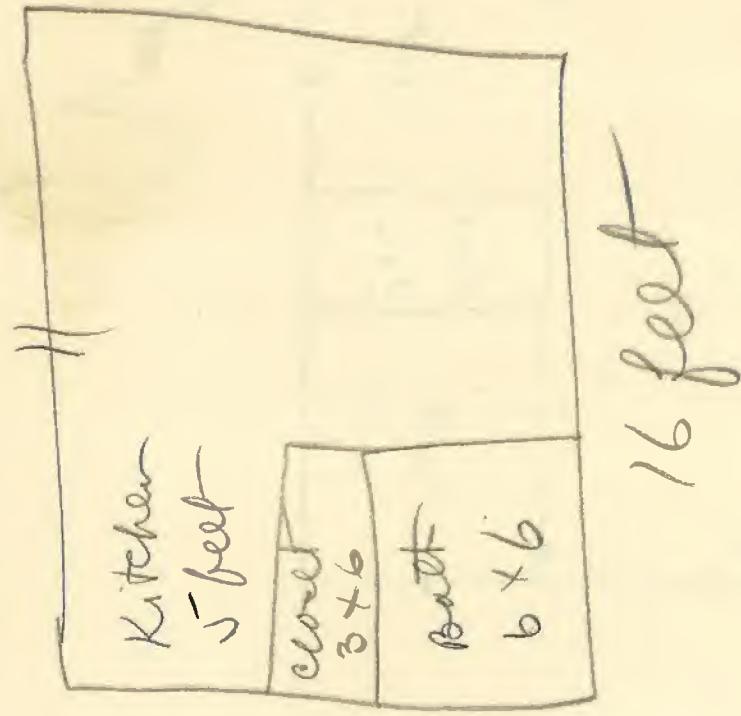
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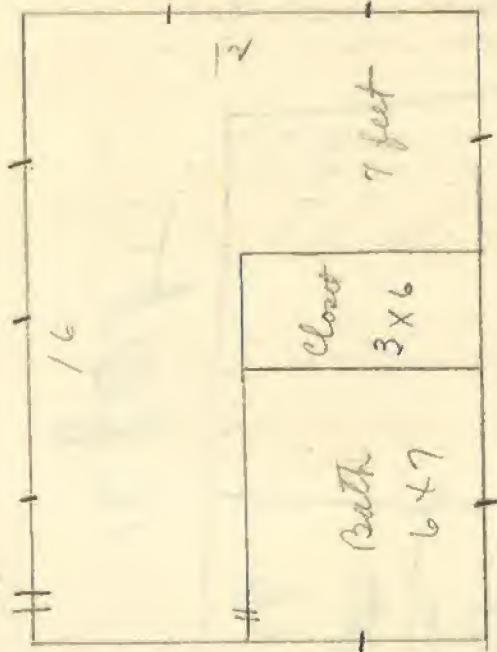
Entrance



398

16 feet

Entrance



12 feet

Closet

3 x 6

Bath

6 x 7

12 feet

STATEMENT

LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS.

Jan 10

1935

Mr. George

Houston Tex

IN ACCOUNT WITH

LEAGUE CITY CAFE & SERVICE STATION

"SERVICE WITH A SMILE"

ON THE HIGHWAY MIDWAY BETWEEN HOUSTON AND GALVESTON

PHONE 29

Dear Mr. George Please excuse this writing to you as it was all I could find today, we came out all right on the dock, there was no one there to bother us, and it cost me \$38.00 Thirtynine dollars but will cost more than that when I get a few other little expenses paid, I cannot tell you to what I will do about your return to Elma. I will not go and leave you here, I will try to visit Elma but if I do not get to see you I cannot leave here, I hope that you will be able to go as I think you would meet one of us and then would like to hear from you again.

Very truly
Ferdinand B. Gammie

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday Jan 16, 1935.

Darling:

I went around to see the Bank of America men here and he said they were taking applications, but that there would have to be two complete sets of blue prints of house and also lot, with detailed specifications. However, here is the rub. He said that no action would be taken before March 1st, and that if we wanted as much as 80% on value we would have to wait until then to get it, but that if we only wanted about 50% on value the bank would probably advance the money to start sooner. Mr. Postel will bring the plans around with the estimate on Friday evening. I gave him the plan for the garage and rooms on top.

Cashed a check yesterday for \$50, as Jess had sent a letter saying she had deposited checks to account. I don't like to spend the money from the savings unless it is positively and absolutely necessary as once they are out they don't get put back in.

✓ Will you see about getting the book Gardening in California by Sidney Mitchell? I think you said it was a Doubleday Doran book

It is cold this morning. There was even a little frost on the roofs this morning, so you know it was cold. Have had the oven fire on all morning. The sun is shining out brightly though and it looks grand outside. Of course it is nicer out than inside with the sun.

I am surprised that Leek and Norma opposed mother Murry coming out here. And just what on earth did he mean when he said you had cost her that much money (\$1,500). Especially since you gave her money every month for years. He is a fine one to talk about such a thing when he hasn't even paid all the interest has he?

Kay says for you to be sure to take time to go around to see about the tennis racket. He wants to see if you care that much about him. They are both studying hard for exams this week.

I'll do what I can in visiting the mothers, especially your mother. She really ought to be out here.

Heaps and heaps love, then some.

Ever always your own

Alma

January 18, 1935.

Dearest Alma:

Arrived this morning after a strenuous time in Buffalo and Gloversville. I had a good visit with John Sala and many other old friends. Yesterday in Gloversville it snowed all day, but was not especially cold.

By this time you have doubtless had word from Mother, saying that she expects to come to California within the immediate future. I am delighted that she finally agreed to experiment and have no doubt that she will be thrilled with California. You may be able to get her to stay with you folks until the new house is ready, but she may insist on getting a room to herself out of town. You might scout around and see if you could find a place where she could have privacy and be out in the open. In any case you ought to have the garage and the house above it built first. She could move in long before the other place is ready for occupancy. At any rate you will have to use your best judgment. It is, of course, important that Mother get pleasant impressions from the beginning.

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January 18, 1935.

Dear Mother Newman:

I was thrilled to get your card and to know that everything has been straightened out. What a relief it must be to you to get a clear title to your property. I know this will add at least ten years to your span of life. This means that instead of living to be ninety, you will be around another ten years!

We are eager to know what you have decided to do about coming to California. When you make up your mind, drop us a line. We are eager to have you come as soon as you feel inclined.

I think Mother is planning to go out soon. You might get in touch with her. Do keep me in touch with developments.

With heaps of love,

League City Tx
Jan 14, 1935

Dear Kirby

Well we got everything settled
all right today. there was no one there to bid
against us so every thing went all right
I am trying to write a letter to Alma tonight
I will let you hear from me later tonight
With regards

January 18, 1935.

Dearest Mother:

I sent you a night letter from Albany telling you how thrilled I am with your decision. I realize how reluctant you are to make the long jump, and it is possible that you may decide to return to East Texas. That is a matter you can decide after you have had a chance to see the big hill.

So far as the next few weeks are concerned there are two possibilities. There is plenty of room for you in the house with the folks, and they will be delighted to have you. If you prefer, however, it will be easily possible to secure an inexpensive place for you until the new house is ready.

I think you are going to get a big thrill out of being on the spot while the new place is being erected. I am sure that Alma will make frequent trips to the hill. Of course you can move in long before the other house is completed. There is no reason why you should not start your garden even before you move in the house.

You realize, of course, that you do not have to make a change on the train. I am sending a folder. You can leave Houston at 9:15 any morning on the Sunset and reach Alhambra the second morning at 6:55 A.M. That is, it takes a little less than forty-eight hours to make the trip. There is a comfortable chair car if you do not want to take a tourist sleeper. I am strongly of the opinion that you ought to take the tourist Pullman. The cost is only \$6.00 all the way to Alhambra. You realize that you can buy a ticket good for use in the chair car or in the tourist Pullman for just half the regular fare. If you will let Alma know when you are leaving Houston and when you are due to arrive in Alhambra, she will meet you at the train.

You may care to drop a line to Mrs. Minnie A. Newman at League City and tell her what your plans are.

Since I started this letter your letter written Tuesday has arrived. I do not know what Mrs. Newman's plans are, and you do not need to wait until she makes her final decision. Alma needs you very much and you can help out in a hundred ways, so when you get ready, start along. I simply cannot begin to tell you how greatly rejoiced I am over your decision. There are marvellous days ahead.

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Hugs and kisses galore!

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

January 18, 1935.

Darling:

Have been around to talk to the man Carden at the Mutual Building & Loan, and he would like to make the loan but does not think that it would be approved by their board for as much as 75% which we would need. I explained to him that we could make a total payment of \$75 a month and he said that is more by 50% than they usually get, and that if you had definite life insurance set aside from an old line insurance company that that would make a great deal of difference. However, he said that they might consider it from the Ministers Insurance., and that that would make a great deal of difference, say for an additional \$5,000.

He said that the Federal Housing Loan is not clear as to whether it will make loans on anything but urban property and we are not urban property. He thinks that if the property were planted in various fruit trees it would enhance the value a good deal.

Mr. Postal will come around tonight with more complete plans and estimates and I will write and tell you what he says. Mr. Carden said he would talk the situation over with some of the other people of the company and see what they say. Have you approached anyone in New York about a loan? Would it be ethical to approach Miss Helen Marsden? She could probably do it. You might talk to someone in New York about the Federal Housing Loan and see about this urban property business, but of course the state laws here may make a difference.

Mary is happy this morning because she does not have to take an English test as she is getting A anyway. I am getting Kay a suit with \$25.00 of the money I drew out the other day, so I shall probably need another few dollars before the month is out as \$25. will probably not last.

Enclosed is the letter from your mother. It looks as if she is coming. Heaps good. Am writing.

Heaps and heaps love, ever always yours,

Alva

January 22, 1935.

Dearest Alma:

Your letter of January 16th has just come. It might make a difference with Mr. Carden if you would have him call up President Mendenhall and Bill Cheverton and get a better line on me. It would simplify matters very considerably if we could borrow 75% from him. The Presbyterian Insurance Company ranks very high and is at least the equal of an old-time company. He could find this out easily by checking up on it. Emphasize the fact that we can pay \$75.00 a month and that in a pinch we might stretch it to \$83.30, or \$1,000.00 per year.

In any case I hope you will proceed as fast as possible with the garage and Mother's room. She will get herself all excited if she has to wait very long.

I do not know what the tuition bill is going to be. As soon as you send me word, I will send a check for half the amount and will pay the other half in thirty days.

As a last resort I can borrow \$500.00, and perhaps \$1,000.00, here in New York, but I don't want to do this unless absolutely necessary. Therefore please try strenuously to get them to advance 75%.

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Love

Kirby

Tues - Jan 22 -

Willy. Dear - its freezing here to day -
slept all day yesterday - ground got white -
letter from alma - one from Mrs. neuman to
you. I think you use to build for her - > Dear
do not put nine hundred in a room to be used
I told alma, just outside boarding hill for five
or small rooms - toilet, but no bath, I am not
I can stay here & think until things work out
no use to make extra expense - & trouble
& do you realize if I die out there, what it will
cost you - or if I do - just put me on the hillside
do just as well: love - Mother

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Sweetheart of Mine:

This is my first day of rest, except when on the train, since I left San Francisco. But I am feeling O.K. after twelve hours' sleep. Will take things easy today and go by sleeper to Minneapolis.

My Denver experiences were most satisfying. The enrollment at the state student conference was not large, but we had an intimate time together. Had good hearings at the State Teachers College at Greeley, and at Boulder where the State University is located, with a union meeting of young people of the various churches.

Had a good visit with Ben Cherrington and Edith. She had a bad spell of the flu and is not yet back on her feet completely. Anne is the sweetest ever. I stayed in the home of Professor and Mrs Maxwell and deepened that friendship. My voice was husky for three or four days from a bad cold and too much talk, but it is quite all right again.

Had two important days at Lincoln, with an all-day institute arranged by the YW, and an address at their annual meeting. Got away with a radical message and a good taste in their mouths! Had an exciting time at the University of Nebraska, talking against the ROTC, with some army men present.

Can hardly wait until I can hold you in my arms again and again!

Devotedly your own

Kirby

am sending a check to Tucson.
suggest you stay up at Oakwood. Hurrah for the Hoovers!

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Monday, Jan 28 -

Kirby Dear - I got a letter
today, from Mrs. Parrish at Gulfview
she wants me to go live with them,
if & how they get fixed - they want to
trade their place for a farm -
Parrish works off when he gets anything
& the Boys will work in town - & be
out nights, of course - & they want
me to be there with her, I got more
afraid all the time - about going to Calif -
now tell me honestly - don't you think
I had better do that - Almers
folks would be much more apt to go -
if I do not - & you know how cranky
I will always feel depending on Almer
for every thing - I can get along on
ten dollars per month at Gulfview
I can't care for me have that much -

you, & when I count that money
that is left, yours, it all came from you
she sent me a booklet on the
hill country - it's beautiful, & I
hope you can make your plans
work out, but I am too old &
worn out - it's no use to plan
much for me - tell me you are
not mad at me - Leah thinks I
will be better satisfied up
near Lufkin - because I never
see much of any one of my
boys - no matter where I am

now I am not thinking I will
be wanting money all the time -
the truck I have will get all I need for
a long time - if I get a garden I
can make almost all my living
it may take three several months to get
settled - but I have to stay here awhile
any way - write soon - & tell me what
I can do. Love - Mother



ALLERTON-HOUSE

143 East 39th Street
NEW YORK

Boston Jan 31 1935

Sweetheart:

Snow! Who said snow!
The last day I was in N.Y. we
had 17 inches! Worst series
have been here in
1888!!

New England ever since.

Portland had 23 inches!

20 below the morning &
was there. mixed on
engagement in New Hampshire.

Return to N.Y. on
Tuesday & then to Ohio.

Eager to get further
word about the loan. Write me

letter if advisable.

Have wired mother urging
her to start for California
at once. She can sleep on
the cot in the dining room
or in your room
she prefers, rent her a
cabin for a month or so.

Tell me about the
outcome of exams!

Lovingly your own

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Feb. 1, 1934

Darling:

Well, things begin to look slightly brighter and we may even get a houst started within a year. Mr. Postal and I went out yesterday and staked out the place for the house and garage and surveyed around to find out how much of the top of the hill will have to be leveled off and found that by leveling from the highest point and taking a foot and a half from that point and leveling out it will put things on a pretty even keel. The architect fellow got sick with the flu and delayed things and Mr. Postal is still figuring. He handed in the specifications and a blue print last night and is now figuring on the costs. Will hand everything in in a few days and I think that they will authorize him to go right ahead, at least with the garage. He has talked with Carden and Lutz also of the Bk.Am. and he thinks that we will have more chance of going ahead right away with Carden as the Banks are tied up with more red tape. He has been talking with all of them trying to get imZormation for himself so he can know what can be done. They seem to be gradually getting more and better informed.

Enclosed is a card from the YMCA they are making a drive this week and want to know if we can contribute something. Their budget is \$12,000 and Gates is the only full time sec. the others are students at part time. Send card back to Mr. Kelsey. The book Gt.Companions came to you from this man Leavens. several days ago. I have just written Seaman giving some of your schedule so he can wire you.

I am preparing to get an additional loan of \$200 for putting in the fruit trees and shrubs and the lawn. Kay and Dick will do the work and I will pay Dick as he is working anyway. Will put them in as soon as get water on property. Heaps and heaps love, Always yours,
Alma

Sat Feb 2nd

Alma Dear - you are not
to hurry things or worry about me -
things are a bit easier for me this
man got work at last & will not be
hanging about the house - I can stay
on indefinitely - another thing Mrs
Parrish wants me to go live with them
they plan to trade their place for
a farm, & I could help her a lot
I wrote Rily - asking if I might
do so - it would save a lot of
money - & when I die I would be there
don't you think it the best thing.
I would always be a bother, &
expense to you and there
I'll never be happy any place -
so what's the use for you to try,
love to all Mother

Sat Feb 2nd

Dear Kirby - have just rec'd your
night letter = thanks for telling me
I can do as I please - but can't do
so hats to go against your wishes - will
look bad to live with strangers, I know
but I hate so much expense = > then
if I die in Calif - look what you have
so I will not decide definitely - just now
this man has gone to work - & things will
be more pleasant for me - so lets rest
on things - until you & the Parishes
get your affairs settled - I thank you
for every thing you have done for me
Mother Alma not hurry up for me - I
will be all right, love Mother

do not spend so much on night letters
(thank)

G. A. POSTAL
Contractor and Builder
940 Acacia Street~Whittier, California
Phone 429-239

February 4, 1935

Mrs. Kirby Page
240 So. Bright
Whittier, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Page:

The cost of getting out your plans and specifications is \$43.00. I am giving you this as memorandum and when convenient for you, you may send me a check,--no hurry.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours truly,

G.A. Postal

Recd Payment Feb 6. 38.

G.A. Postal

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

February 5, 1935.

Darling:

I am not trying to send letters by airmail much because the weather is rather unsettled and if they miss you you miss them for a while. I am still gathering the material for the loan and if I can ever get it together once, I think we can start right away. The water runs across the place also and it will be a simple matter to connect it up and put on a meter. The youngsters and I are getting so impatient we can hardly contain ourselves. When we take Choto out he whimpers and whines until we get there and then he just goes wild for a while and is so tired coming home he is perfectly quiet.

Kay is dying to know what you did about the tennis racket. It got here all right, but he wants to know if they gave you a new one or what? I told him if he wanted to know so badly he should write you, but nothing moves him that far. He came ~~in~~ in every day for a couple of weeks asking if pop had written about the racket. I have just received a letter from your mother saying she had also written you about living with the Parrishes. I hardly know what to say. I don't know if she would be any happier there or not. She might and she might not. If she came out here she would have more freedom I believe, and there would be less time she would have to spend indoors on account of the weather. In Lufkin she would have to spend much of the ~~winter~~ time indoors in winter on account of the weather, and I imagine the summer is hotter than here. She may think she would like it better, but I don't believe she would. She may think she would be saving money by being with them, but I hardly think she would. She keeps thinking of that burial space in Lufkin that would go to waste if she came out here. The only thing she would not like out here would be the various stages of undress the youngsters and also you and I would assume on the hill, and the idea of the young folks getting in real late at night. She is going to find much to worry about no matter where she is.

I am taking some treatments from a chiropracter here and will try them for another month to see what they can do. If he can help me I will continue longer, if not I'll stop. The youngsters need books this month. Mary gave them a check. I told her to have them make it a hundred. I forgot to ask her what it was. I cashed on on the 29th of Jan for \$50 and one today for a hundred. I shall have to get whatever else I need from the savings account I suppose. It is mighty funny the way that money can melt away these days.

I am enclosing some letters for you. Hope I shall have more and better news next time I write. Ever and always,
your own

Alma

February 5, 1935.

Dearest Mothers:

When I got back to New York this morning I found your letter written on Saturday, February 2nd. It is kind of Mrs. Parrish to invite you to stay with them, and I am sure that you could be of lots of help and company to her. You should not make this decision on the basis of money. The little that it would cost to get you to California and to meet your expenses after you arrive is utterly insignificant. I made enough the last two days to keep you going for six months, so there is not the slightest reason to think in terms of money. Make up your mind whether you would rather be in the familiar surroundings of Lufkin or whether you want to go West and spend time with us. I cannot repeat too often that we are eager to have you and that it will be wholly convenient for you to stay with us. You could help Alma in a hundred ways and she would be delighted to have you as she has written you repeatedly. On the other hand, I know that you have a great fondness for Lufkin and want you to be entirely free to make your own choice.

I have spent the last two weeks in New England during the worst spell of weather they have had since the famous storm of 1888. In Portland it was 20 below the day I was there and you never saw so much snow. Some of the streets have snow piled along the side higher than your head. This has been a terrible time for taxi drivers and other people who had to be out in the cold. It did not make much difference to me as I was indoors most of the time. I had a busy time speaking and managed to get a lot of writing done between meetings.

After a day here I am going out to Ohio for an important meeting of ministers gathered from all denominations from all over the state. I then go for meetings at Warren and Ashtabula and come back to New York on Saturday.

Heaps and heaps of love,

League City Tex
Feb 2, 1935-

Dear Alma

This is the third letter I have written you, I might get this off. But I cannot tell yet if I will. I just got to thinking and then them up after I have written them, I am going to put an ad in the Galveston paper about the place. But I haven't much hope as things are going very slow down here, the cold, but so many things that every thing looks so bad, and I have been on the sick list so long. I am not

able to do half the work I am
to do. I am not getting poor, I
took two courses of that medicine
but I do not seem to get much
better. I am starting on another
kind of medicine one that the Dr
gave Wilfred for his stomach he said
that it helps him so I am going
to give it a trial I guess I will
not try to make a garden this
year even if I do not get to sell
the place, John does not want
to build on their place he wants to
sell the lot and I think at a
very good idea he said he might
spend a lot of money and then
get transferred to some other place
and have to leave the place
and rarely never get any thing out of
it, I hope that I will be able
to visit you all when you get
your house built I think get that
I want to move back to Houston
place if I can, I will not try
to do any thing unless I get to sell
this place, let me hear from
you as often as you can lots of
love to all Yorriah *Walter*

League City Tex
Feb 8, 1935.

Dear Alice

Well Johnnie did get a letter
from you, from the way you talked the
cold did not hurt the plants very
much. it must be wonderful that
if the wind does not blow too
hard. I write about my pass yester
day tell you all about it when I
hear from them if I do not get a
pass am afraid I will not get to
come out there. Johnnie is just
crazy to come out there, she just
likes flowers and plants about as

well as we do and she is just
about as bad about garden as we
are, five things got her a lot of
seed and now has no place to
plant them, they let a sugar work
the place on the creek just for
the ploughing of it and if we
are trying to sell she does not want
to plant her, she wants to can
a lot of vegetables this year, she
has joined that country club here
and you learn all about such things
they had an allday meeting Friday
and she went, they were learning how
to cut a pattern for them selves Friday

I don't guess it would pay to try to
send you any plants from here, I am
would like for you to have some of
those crab apples the lady I have and I have
some green meat cooks that would
be nice to, I am just crazy to come
out there if it is like you say it
is, I did not get the ad in the
paper for tomorrow so will wait
until about Thursday so I will get
it in one Sunday, it will cost
me \$2.80 for four days, then I
will put it in the Webster
paper, I am putting it in the
Chronicle first - I think it has more
ad in it any way, I am here had
a time with my stomach lately

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I tried Gilfieck medicine but I do not
believe it will help me any. I have
had such pain all day and I think
it is all caused from gas. I need
Bryadol for a long time, but now
it does me no good, I think we
are having a mother. Tonight we
one did have a hard rain yesterday
and last night, had a storm over
Huntington that killed several people.
Well keep me posted on the what
you are doing, but do not try to do
too much. Lots of love to you all

Yours truly
Mother

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

February 8, 1935.

Darling:

The plans and specifications and figures are in. The figures are a little higher than before because he has included the cess pools and leveling the ground, and also because this housing act calls for foot and a half foundations and the first figure was for less concrete. I immediately took everything around to Carden to look over and he will call me up when he has looked things over and I will go around and talk with him.

The present schedule I have runs through February 22nd. Please see that I have one after that runs out.

I am enclosing letters that have come to date. I gave Mr. Postal a check covering the architect's fees on the 6th, I think amounting to \$43.00. Don't tell anyone the cost as he is supposed to charge a higher rate. I am sending a check for \$2.10 to R. H. Macy dated today for a pair of sandals for Mary.

It has been raining like heck and everything else out here. Long Beach was flooded a couple of days ago and Whittier even had 1.73 inches rain in a day. It rained again last night and stopped this morning around nine, but the sky is still overcast. They are having more rain than they have had for quite a while. It would probably take several days for the ground to dry out enough to go to work even if the plans were already approved.

I am more anxious all the time to get to work and get out there. On account of extra expense I shall probably need more money this month. About \$25.00. Will it be available? Those books cost like heck.

Heaps and leaps of love. I shall try to hurry things up as much as possible now that they are started. More and more love,

Always your own,

Always

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 11, 1935.

Dearest Alma:

Two letters came from you this morning, one dated the 5th and the other the 8th. Why don't you get in the habit of sending carbon copies by regular mail and forwarding the original by air mail. Time is important when we are this far apart.

I have written Mother several times telling her that she is entirely free to use her own judgment. The simple truth of the matter is that she will be miserable wherever she is. The poor soul has had so much trouble and has gotten herself into such a frame of mind that she will always see the dark side of everything. The only thing we can do is to write her often and affectionately and let her know that we are eager to have her come with us.

I am sorry about the delay in getting the house started, but I understand how things are. I have made a note of the various checks which you have drawn. Has the tuition at the college been paid?

It is a good thing that you are having the treatments, and I hope that the chiropractor gets some of the kinks out of your muscles.

Sherwood is back and is as full of life as ever. We are having a meeting of the Fellowship group this afternoon and evening which he is leading. I wish you could be here.

In looking over my schedule I discovered that I have only four or five more days in New York between now and next November. I will see that an extension of my schedule reaches you in ample time.

Plans of business

Kirby

Cash another \$50 if needed

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February 12, 1936.

Dearest Mother:

I get very encouraging letters from California. They seem to be moving along nicely with the blueprints and contracts. I suppose that by this time they have actually started work. Alma says they had a bad rain about a week ago. All three of them are intensely excited about the possibilities. Alma is eager to have you come but wants you to follow your own judgment if you think it would be better for you to go to Lufkin. I suppose you will be making up your mind one way or the other pretty soon.

In going over some old papers I find that the name of the lady who came up to me after a meeting in California is Mary Chappell Hasan. You probably knew her as Mary Chappell. Will you pass this word along to Perry and Edith? Her address is now 5253 Irvington Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

I have been having a grand time chasing about from one meeting to another. Last week I spoke to 1,000 ministers in Columbus, Ohio. This morning I had a room full of Methodist preachers here in New York. Tomorrow afternoon I start for Chicago for an extremely important meeting of religious educators from all over the country. And so it goes from day to day! This is a wonderful life. I think of you continuously and thank God for you.

Heaps and heaps of love,

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

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Darling:

Never before in my life have I seen such exasperating delays in time. It is actually like the orient. I went around to get Morris and Kibbler to help and found out that Mr. Carden had had an accident the past week. His office had not mentioned it when I was there, but Mr. Kibbler said Carden's car had turned over twice. While he was not injured, he was pretty much shaken up and shocked. Kibbler and Whitman are going to see Carden in the morning and see if things cannot be pushed along a bit. I will let you know as soon as things get started.

Will you please ask the purchasing department if they can get discounts for you for delivery out here on Electrolux, and from the Crane Company, of automatic gas water heaters, of gas range, and if they make them of radiant heaters. All for use with Flamo gas put out by Standard Oil Co. If so, how much discount can they get, and what can they get on Electric refrigerator instead of Electrolux. It would be cheaper in the long run to use the Electrolux refrigerator as it runs cheaper than the electric. They are all air cooled now instead of water cooled.

You should see your son in his new '38 sweater he got today as manager for the frosh team. Is he proud? or is he proud? Also, get a slant at the new badminton player. He went around and bought a badminton racket with his own money.

We have literally hundreds of poinsettia cuttings out on the East boundary of the place. If half of them live there will be a regular forest of poinsettias next year. The youngsters wanted lots of them, and there is a double row. Kay has picked them up from the alley and I have begged them from my friends and we have collected an immense lot. They certainly will be lovely.

Some of those days I am expecting a letter from you telling me what you think of some of the things I suggested in previous letters, ie, putting out trees now on a loan instead of waiting and getting them a couple at a time. Of course, it is cheaper to get them all at once, as we save \$2.50 on ten lots, over the piece rate, on citrus and avocados.

Hope I shall soon have some news for you. Heaps and heaps love, ever and always, from

your own,

Alma

Feb. 15 - Enroute

dear Son:

alex. Taylor gave me the racquet at half the wholesale price - a \$12 one for just over \$4. ⁼ not bad! We used the other one for about six months.

Eager to hear how things are going. Do drop me a line.

Expect to reach Whittier on Monday March 25.

crazy to see the new house.
What are you planning to do this summer?
Will have lots of things to talk over with you in March.

as ever

Dad

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Pittsburgh, Feb 21

Sweetheart:

It is good to know that mother has written to you that she has decided to come to California as soon as it is convenient. I think this is a wise move. It may be better to have her stay in Houston until her house is finished, rather than to rent a cabin in the meantime. Use your judgment.

Glad your are going in heavily for poinsetta. What a hill we will have within a year or so! That is a good plan to move ahead rapidly with fruit trees.

Hope you have been able to get the contract signed. You can't move too fast to suit me.

Will have Mr. Harner send the information you want.

From here I go to South Bend, Chicago and several points in Michigan. You may reach me as follows: Monday, Feb 25 - care Rev. John F. Stearns, 2750 Elsinore Drive, Pontiac. Wednesday, 27th care Harold Gray, 1416 Hill St., Ann Arbor. 28th Hotel Olds, Lansing, Mich. March 1 Hotel Statler, Detroit. March 4, New York.

Wild to see you again.

Love and kisses

Kirby



Artist Harrison
Sennrich
990 Magnolia Av
cor West 10th St
new portrait
of Jesus

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

February 26, 1935.

Darling:

Your letter of the 21st finally got here on the 25th by regular mail. There are so many storms across the country just now that it is useless to send things by air mail and take chances of them reaching you, so I am sending all the enclosures to New York to reach you on the 4th.

Things are in the lap of the Gods just now and I am impatiently waiting for some word of what has happened. Mr. Carden said they were more apt to consider the loan favourably because we are willing to make higher payments than they require, but he would not let me go ahead and start things until the loan goes through as he said they were not willing to loan that much money. We will have to use the \$750. I told him we could put forth \$500 cash and there will be about \$150 in fees of one sort and another.

I shall go ahead with the fruit trees as soon as we get the water connected up. The sooner it is done the better. It will cost near \$50 to get the water connected and install a meter. I am having that done right away.

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Crosbie telling about the situation at Sunnyside. Will you please look into this matter and take care of it from that end. I have written him saying I sent you the letter to take care of.

I am sending a picture of the hill to each of the mothers to give them something to think about. Susie has put an add in the paper and is trying to sell her place. If she should do so it will help us out as she owes us \$500.00 and you know what that would mean just now. I would like for them both to come out here at the same time as then it would not be so lonesome for your mother until we got out there and I would feel better if she were not entirely alone.

For goodness sake do send me some more dates as to where to reach you. Do you think you had better send me a power of attorney to sign for you in case my signature on the application should not prove enough? I think it will, but if not we would waste much time getting things back and forth. If you can send me your dates in California also I could tell people definitely whether or not you are tied up at certain times. Re. that YW request for Mch 23, didn't they want you here in Whittier at that time? and you told them you were too uncertain about it? Do you want to open that question again? Gee, I wish you were here. And you can just rest on your laurels that I will be glad to see when you do get here. Heaps and heaps love, always yours,

do
just scraped
through today.
Have bank
verify your
signature
and send to me.

Alma

Master Part 1
C.R. - midwest
Mr. T.

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n.

Tuesday, Feb 26 —

Kirby Dear, your letter came

to me yesterday — all well with me —

we are in the middle of another bad blizzard
freezing & blowing — seems to me it gets just
as cold here as at Suffield, I only have
the work in the house to do — thanks for checks
but will not need to cash them yet —
why do you go to Colif so soon —
are the loan Co's giving trouble, or what
its no use at all for me to go on now —
would only crowd them — & be expense for
nothing — I told Alma when there was a
shelter for me & garden work to do —

or I suppose she will tell me when I am needed
sure, I would like to see you — but do not want
to stay in Whittier — wish you would tell
me how things are coming out there —
love from mother

will write to
you by trial
cold

U.S. POSTAL COURT
APARTMENT 211
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Tues - March

Kirby Dear - just want to
say that I am well & all right
time drags & its weary waiting
for something - one knows not
what it will be -

Kirby I do not want you to spend
much on a room for me - or for
furnishings - because if I get
out I cannot make garden - or
wash clothes - why I want to go
back to Coffey - no need to buy
any thing for me. love - Mother.

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LOAN REFUSED ACCOUNT NOT URBAN PROPERTY CARDEN WILL LOAN UP
TO SIXTY PERCENT COULD YOU GET FIVE THOUSAND FROM SID OR
ANYONE IN EAST SEND YOUR SCHEDULE LOVE=

ALMA..

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 4, 1935

Sweetheart:

Your letter of February 26th arrived today, so slow have the mails become. Sorry indeed that you cannot get the house started. Is there any use going to another concern? Any further word about government loans?

Just had a good visit with Bishop and Mrs Paddock. They want you to use the enclosed as you see fit in getting something for the hilltop. What extra do you most want?

Am inclined to think it is better for mother to stay in Houston until the garage-house is completed and perhaps until your mother comes or until the big house is nearly ready. Her first impressions are important.

Will send you power of attorney tomorrow when I can get access to a notary.

How did exams come out? Let taguyinonthesecret!

Love and love and love

Kirby

League City, Tex
Dec 4, 1885.

Dear Alma & Family

I guess I had better write
if I want to hear from you, and I am
sure I do, I really havent any news to tell
in regards to the place I put the ad
in the paper for 4 days and have
had one call and they offered me
five hundred dollars and the rest per
month, I did not put the price in
the paper, well I am starting to work
on the garden in back of the house
at it too and to have any ploughing
done, or havent much to do.

you said something about a sun that the plants they do not have any
that had on the place I have the wood which have but it is different from
this, southern suns and the suns with any thing, black I have some others
the yellow & red flowers, I got an little hand talk from an agent in
but I will try to find out other from a cold, and believe one of
you can get one, it are in a hand, one does think, say I like your bill
but, the sun flowers plants in a crack and think it can be much beautiful
and I am up today to see of
it would grow and it had work-
on it, the work comes first, I put
it down right quick and covered
it up, I have the sun seed to plant
I really like them but I only
want salt and black pepper etc

and now, I think that any acid such
as lemon or school drawing hills
but I am afraid I will do
a mess before it will show and one
chase for each time and we might

get a buy. if I do not get a
chance to sell we will take out
the counter in front and will sell
electric refrigerators and some other
things there is no money in the back
and candy. well we will have to
do the best we can, perhaps I will
get to sell some day, how is
Baby is getting along I am ashamed
to have not written him but once
since he left here and that was
when I told him about buying the
strip of ground, my eyes are getting
heavy so I guess I will have to quit
for this time. Lots of love to you all

Lovingly Father

March 6, 1935.

Dearest Mothers:

I had a telegram from Alma yesterday saying that the company is willing to lend 60 per cent. of the total cost of the house and the lot. This means that we can secure about \$3,000.00. I will be able to get the balance here, so there ought not to be any further delay in starting the house. I imagine that they will actually begin building within the next two or three days. The garage and the two apartments above it can be finished within a month and the other house should be ready by the end of the first week in May.

You may decide that it is better to stay in Houston until April in order to get well started in your new home. It might be pretty lonesome staying on the hilltop before we are ready to occupy our house. Since you are not being bothered by having the man around all day it may actually be better for you to grit your teeth and stand Houston for another month or six weeks. On the other hand it would be easily possible for you to stay with the folks in Whittier if you want to do this. At any rate we will count upon your arrival sometime during April and possibly within the next few weeks.

It has taken quite a while to get this whole question of the loan satisfactorily fixed up, but I think we are now ready to move forward swiftly. I will be in and around New York for two weeks so you might as well send mail to the office here. I start for California on March 21st in accordance with a plan made many months ago. I am not going out sooner than I had intended. I shall not be returning to New York until next October. During April I will be in Washington and Oregon and Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas. I will be home practically all of May and will be away at student conferences during June, and then home for most of July, August, and September. What a grand time we shall have together!

Heaps of love,

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 7

Sweetheart:

Hope my wire reached you
promptly urging you to accept (and)
loan of 60%. I have already sent
\$750 + \$100 plus the \$1300 paid
for the acreage - a total of \$2150.
Will send another \$500 soon. Do
the best you can with this limit.

Can hardly wait until
I reach home. Drop mother a
line occasionally.

Had a long visit with Harold
& Laura. Little hope. Probably a
divorce soon. Terrible tragedy!

Feeling grand
Will be around here for tea

day, so send mail here.

Have a thousand things to
talk over with you.

Kisses and Hugs Galore

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

March 11, 1935.

Darling:

I thought I would be able to tell you definitely what has happened by today, as Carden's people had their meeting today to determine what to do about our property. However, I was at the doctor's a little longer than usual today as I had to wait some, and they did not call after I got home. They close at four, but keep on working in there for another hour. I shall probably hear from Mr. Carden early in the morning. I shall put it this way. If the verdict is adverse I will have wired you, and if it is yes you can take my silence as meaning it went through.

Mr. Carden said this morning they preferred to have some competitive bids and that will take a few days more time. I shall get in touch with other people immediately. The steel frame people want to make a bid and Mrs. Smith told me about a fellow she likes and said if we wanted other bids to be sure to let him bid. That was some time ago. I suppose that if someone else should make a smaller bid why we would have to give Mr. Postal something or other for the time he has spent on the proposition.

The checks I have cashed or given recently are as follows: March 1 or before to O. O. Allen, \$30.00 for water meter. On March 1 cash to me. 87.00 which was \$50.00 for use and \$36.75 for the doctor bill. When the rent came due I took \$60 out of the savings account and used \$40 for rent and \$6.90 to finish payment on the escrow fee. I am again down to about two dollars and that will just pay the telephone bill. I will cash a \$25.00 check and see if that will hold me until you come.

Are you going to try to start a Fellowship group here in Whittier? and will you have an evening you could give to a small group? There are several potential members here. However, from all the bids that have come in and the dates you have already made here and there I am afraid we are not going to see so much of you. I suppose you will come to Pasadena when you come in, or will you be coming S.P.?

Heaps and heaps love, Always and ever
Yours,

Olma

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

March 11 - '35

Friday noon.

Darling:

We are still having more rain forecast for us but hope it doesn't materialize soon. Have had much cloudy cold weather since the rain stopped with light showers. Therefore, the ground is still wet and hard to handle. Perry has talked with Sotkert of the company and they surveyed the damage and agreed what is necessary and it will be done as soon as possible.

The bank east of the road caved only a little along our property when it had caved last year, but near Sharpless, in fact the first bank out in the road caved completely over the road and caved away from the side of the road directly below, part of the road falling a little, but when the upper part was cleared it was shovelled down below and the road is usable several places below the road on one hand it caved up to the road in small places and near the cable pole from one line pole to the other it caved from below the road to within two feet of the gravel, going straight down and completely covering

two truces and washing a couple more out. This all happened in the afternoon of Wednesday the last day of rain. Across the canyon on the end of the little hill occurred a big slide of land, trees and all. There were no truces there, of course, and this occurred in several places we can see. Across the road, below the big house, was a big slide about 200 ft high and maybe 25 or 35 ft wide, just like a giant spoon had scooped down and pushed dirt and trees down upon the big cedar near the road. These were washed into the ditch and one turned over on its side.

Many things blown over but little damage to trees. Trouble now will be with gophers, but we are poisoning them as fast as Chote digs out the holes.

Tim ~~is~~ was allowed to sleep in the house during bad weather and now thinks he is a member of the family. Chote was in disgrace as usual.

Hope love the hope more
most stop.
always you own
alone.



Fort Pitt Hotel

Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 17

Darling Alma:

assume from your letter
and no contradictory telegram that
the loan has been granted.

Suppose you have received
another \$500 as loan from
E. & P. thru Jessica.

Can hardly wait until
I see you a week from
tomorrow. Coming via
Santa Fe, arriving Pasadena
7:40 Monday morning - the 25th.
am here tomorrow, Rochester

on Tuesday, Penn State College
on Wednesday, N.Y. on Thursday
for our Fellowship group, leaving
that night for home.

am devoting ten days
to a series of conferences in
College arranged by the
Student Y.

Have seen thousand
things & talk over. Thank
goodness this is my last
long trip. Hereafter will
not be away more than
three or four weeks at a
time. am not accepting many
California engagements.

Lovingly your own

Kirby

March 21, 1935.

Dearest Mothers:

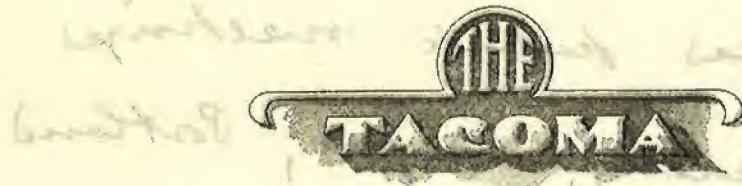
I am just back in the city after ten days' swing around colleges in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York where I had a grand time. After a few hours in the office I am heading for home and the train cannot move swiftly enough to suit me. We are eager indeed to get the house finished and it is not possible for us to put on any extra speed on your account. We are even more anxious than you are to get into the new place.

When I got back to the office this morning, I found a check for \$200.00 made out to Alm as Sherwood's gift toward furnishing the house. She will be thrilled beyond words at this generous gift. It is just like Sherwood.

I will drop you another line en route to California. I can hardly wait until I see you again.

Heaps and heaps of love,

Houston - Apr
alma Dear - I sent you
a scribble ten days ago to
send on to Kirby - too -
as I have not heard from
you. I must have gone astray
wish you would tell me
plainly if you are going to
have room enough for me
or will you move into the
garage off before the main
house is built. I have only
a little time more here so
please tell me what to do
Mr Holfield was operated on
for appendicitis. & is back however
neglect man to wait on him &
soak & clean, wait to get away
soon as he is up - love mother



TACOMA, WASHINGTON April 9

Sweetheart:

All well!!

Many meetings, fine
attendance, excellent response!!
Selling lots of books.

This is a beautiful section
of the country. Trees! Trees
that make our \$25 beauty
seem a toy!

Have visited ^{univ. of California} Lincolne

College, University of Oregon,
Reed College, College?

Puget Sound thus far and

have had public meetings
in Berkeley, Eugene, Portland
and Tacoma. ^{WASHINAW AND TAT} The seed are

being scattered!

I crave details about
progress on the hill. Suppose
the rain delayed things.

Love and kisses

Kirby

insisted on a pot a week
and I am not
willing to do so
(I prefer to
have only
one crop each year)

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

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Darling -

"Details" as follows:
foundations poured, floors down
and sidewalls being raised. They
only lost one day of work - Monday.
It was clear on Tuesday rained
Sunday & Monday, not too bad out
there. Kay made me two cold frame
boxes out there and I have planted
billions of seeds.

Have just finished up another
batch of cookies. We were "plumb"
cleaned out.

Mary has gone to a party and
Kay is out. Choto and I are
holding the fort. Heaps long
then some -

Always yours
Alma



Crater Lake, Oregon

CASCADE

enroute thru Montana - April 15

Sweetheart:

Preached four times yesterday. First
Baptist, First Christian, university
Christian, and Peoples Church.
Excellent conference of F. O. R. in
Seattle.

Had visit with Marvin Banbury.
Mary has been very sick but is much
better now.

Resting today on a luxurious
train. Feeling O.K.

S O U T H E R N P A C I F I C

will write a couple of articles
before reaching Dallas on Thursday
morning. also received fine books
from the office to be read.

Mountains and plenty
of snow all along.

Eager to hear about progress
on the house.

Have asked Jess to ship
books by water.

Have you written Clarice?

Love & kisses

Kirby

Better pick up magazines
at La Habra

League City Tx
April 16, 1935

Dear Alma

Well we are just about
to dry up and blow away, it sure
is dry down here, but we still
have clouds and hope of rain
we haven't any garden yet, lots
of the things that we planted
did not come up, most of my
roses were killed by the cold
especially those I bought last
year. I hope that you have

gotten your car by now, you people sure did carry on in
could not get a good car down from here, they had lots of pictures
here unless you just happened to strike some one that wanted
to get rid of one, any way
it is as I said in my letter
that I would not go with
Johnnie, she seems so nervous
when she gets in him she just
kills the engine every time he
has to slow up, well did the
dust storm effect you all
out there, it even went
to Galveston down here, you
could hardly believe it, the

people sure did carry on in
Houston, they had lots of pictures
in the paper of it, it just looked
like a fog, but you had to
keep driving in the front.
Mr. Olson has had another spell
of sickness, and John has been
up there the last few days
with him, Slim has been working
down here at the tank farm
about a month, the old man
was out on a job somewhere
not far from Houston, but
he got sick and had to go
home last week, he

suffer with as me as had,
Wilfred and family were down
Sunday, and came back a lot
of plants back home to set out.
I asked him if he wanted a certain
plant and he looked up at me and
said mama just say you don't want
this I will take any thing, he has
been sick the last of the week,
and looked very bad. The morning
and work all together was too
much for him, I am just crazy
to go in and visit them and
intended to go Sunday but that
would leave Bonnie here by herself, so
I did not get to go. Tell me all about
what you are doing lots of love to all
Yours affecly Bonnie Mother,

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

April 19, 1935.

Darling:

Enclosed are letter from Clarice and one from Dr. Kih. Of course Clarice would only want 4 rooms, and this other party wants six. He said it would cost about \$30 to tear out partition. I sent you the letter and wonder if you got it.

The house is coming along fine. They are ready to begin the roofing. That is actually put on the shingles. The studs are up for all the walls and the rafters up and the foundation for the shingles laid. Next they will get to the actual walls, but they are anxious to get the roof on so they can continue work even if it should rain. However, it looks as if the rains are finished. Weather grand just now. Kay and I went out and worked a while yesterday and watered everything good. Took a long time, but we enjoyed it.

People are wanting you for everything under the sun during May and you will have hard time turning them all down.

Haven't made preparations for much Easter. Mary hasn't needed anymore dress, but I made myself one as it is getting to warm to wear the black all the time. So I shall sport a new outfit Sunday. Did not get a hat as I haven't found any to suit me. Will wear an old white one or borrow one of Mary's.

If your mother gets to see you at Huntsville, and wants to come on by herself, let her come. Her rent will probably be up on the first and you know how she is. We can get along until you get here and the place is ready. I am getting along famously and having a grand time. Heaps and heaps love,

Always your own.

Alex

THE BAKER

DALLAS, TEXAS

april 20

Sweetheart:

Glad to get word of progress on
the house. Mother may decide to
come on without waiting for me.
Suggest you rush airtel letter urging
her to come on now if she can
get away. She seems eager to

leave Houston.

Good time here. Convocation
at So. Methodist Univ. Good visit
with W A Scott.

Love and kisses

Kirby

League City Tx
April 21 1935

Dear Alma

your letter received today I
also received a letter from Kirby
yesterday, I sure would like to be able
to go up there to see him but it
is out of the question, it would just
cost so much and I haven't the
money, you see when I leave here it
costs me about two dollars for 8
hours to get some one to stay and
if it is more than eight it just
costs more out counting expenses I am
making very little now, I have over

a hundred dollars to pay this month
for insurance - then in June it is
about twenty five for Tornado so you
see with my twenty a month on the
place and to try to keep enough for
taxes & insurance it is hard to do
but I have any thing to spend, I have
been using most of my pay to
try to keep the tobacco and candy
going in the front as Winnie does
not want to give it up, but I am
sure we will have to soon,

I am trying to get some Real Estate
men to come out and see what
I can do about setting a place
up in but nothing one, I am

worried so all the time and hate
to stay so close, as soon as it
gets warmer I am going to see
if I can get a few days but I
have been feeling so bad lately
and it has been so cool when I
want a fire I can have it but
but they are so warm minded I
am afraid I would freeze to death
up there, I shall try to go over
week if I can, Winnie spent the week
end up there with her dad he says
she is up and better but they are
uneasy about her, I think her
going back up there tomorrow he
just came home about cut this
evening, tell Ruby to that Mr. Pallen
is going to get married soon, I

think he will wait for about one
or two pay days, and then it will all
be over, perhaps Johnnie will not have
him to board or she will have one
more - I have been trying to get him
to get John to pay the boys a little
more and let them feed themselves
she will see in time that - it will
pay, it just keeps her on the run
all the time, I cannot see any difference
than when we are the front.
only we do not just have to stay
in the front all the time, I am
one going to get busy about trying to
sell the place, are you building the house
by the plan that Ruby showed us, tell me
all about it - when you will and do not wait -
so long to write - Yours truly Butch

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

april 24,

Darling:

We finally went by for
the mail and found Jess had
sent some first class mail
there early in month.

Bunch of my times there.
House coming along O.K.
Found Boadette on hand.
Choto likes the Rumble seat.
Heaps and heaps and heaps
love - ever your own
Alma -

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

April 27

Darling,

Things are coming along
grand. Weather mostly good
and warm. We worked out
at the hill this morning for a
while. Wrote your mother but
have not heard further from her.
I imagine she will come earlier
than you do. She is so dissatisfied
where she is. Things will not be ready
for her before you come, of course
and she will probably not enjoy
staying here, but she can get along
and we can spend much time
out at the hill. Heaps and heaps
done, then some more

ever your own
Alma

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DURANT, OKLAHOMA

Enroute to Springfield
Sunday - April 28

Alma Darling:

Preached one of the best sermons
of my life to a crowded house
in Little Rock this morning. The
effect was astounding. Will
tell you about it.

Good response everywhere.

Feeling grand.

Selling lots of books.

Busy week ahead.

Love

Nirby

No word from
mother or Susei

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

april 30

Darling:

Have letter from your mother saying she had written you at Huntsville, also that she was coming when you did. Have you sent her tickets and schedule; telling her exactly when to meet you and how and when and where?

Had another hard rain yesterday afternoon.

I do not know if the garage will be altogether ready by the 7th or not, but it surely will be within a day or two. Will do my best to get them ready by 7th.

Hope love
your own
alma

New York, May 1, 1935.

Dear Alma:

Greetings, Californian!

First class mail shall go to Whittier until we hear otherwise from you. It isn't easy to know just what you folks want - what with two different addresses, house repairs, new tenants, etc., particularly when we don't have the whole story. We are not mind readers, my good woman.

Enclosed is the duplicate of a bill for books sent to Kirby by Association Press. Please check it when the books arrive and let me know that they have been received. I will do the rest.

Kirby's books, bookcases, files, etc. will go out this Saturday I expect via boat. Information will be sent along when they have gone forward. The books are all packed in cases - 7 of them - so far. Now for the bookcases and files. We shall probably have quite a shipment when we get it all together. It has been necessary for Bill and Mike to work one night so far. Expect they will work again tonight. It is a job which is not in the regular schedule and they both have full-time jobs here at the "Y" with shipping, electrical repairs, and driving the truck. But it is getting done in good shape. And it will be done in such a manner that all you will have to do is look at the numbers on the cases and you will know what is within. How's that?

If you ever write I shall be shocked. I suppose you are busy telling builders how to build.

Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessie".

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Hollister June 8

Alma dearie:

Busy and happy!

There are 227 registered delegates
from colleges all over Mo. Ark -
Okla & Texas. Exceptional caliber.

Every morning I have an
hour on Appropriating the Resources
& Religion.

Many interviews & conferences.

Feeling grand.

Suppose you will be moving
during the next week.

Hope all went well in
the exams.

Lovingly

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

June 8

1935

Darling:

We cannot get in the house before the 14th. The floors have to be done after all painting is finished and they were still painting today. Hardware must be put on. Your room looks grand.

Kay brought many friends out last night to see it and she was properly enthusiastic about the view, what she could see of it. You should have been there. They came just in time to break up a game between three rabbits which grandma hoped to catch in a trap. Kay is staying out tonight to try to get some of them. We have caught 9 mice in traps in garden. They eat the young garden plants as they come up.

Hope this reaches you O.K.

all my love
yours ever alma

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Monday morning June 17
Seattle

Dearling:

am here waiting for the ferry to take
me to Seabeck.

Pleasant trip. Rain along much
of the way. Tourist sleeper practically
as good as standard. Big saving.

Wrote an article for the Christian Century
yesterday.

Had a good visit with Jack Lagan
& Mae. He is supt. of schools in
East Waterloo Ia and is doing well.
met many old friends.

The eight talks at Hollister on
Appropriating the Resources of Religion went
exceedingly well. Now think I will
do a book with the title: The
Resources of Religion - or perhaps

appropriating the Resources of Religion.

Probably will include series of daily readings as in Living Creatively

Do you folks want to drive to Oakland and pick me up & drive back on Monday July 1. I finish on Sunday night. Come as early as you like. We can see the big trees on the way back. If you come, take the route along the shore, not across the mountains. Tell mother she will not have to go to any meetings or to meet anybody. The trip will do all of you heaps of good.

What about the evening classes? anybody interested?

Love and kisses

Kirby

JY PAGE
OFFICE BOX 247
BRA, CALIFORNIA

Mills College California
Tues June 20th

Sweetheart:

marvelous time at Seabeck!

Your latest letter must have
gone astray. No word since Grinnell.
Did you get my note suggesting all
of you drive up to Oakland by
Sunday and see this region?
If more convenient, we can
do some running around when
we are at Santa Cruz in July.

Hungry for details - and
hungrier for you!

Received Boston telegram which
you forwarded & an envelope with
mail.

Lovingly

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

June 25, 1935. A.M.

Darling:

Well, I am glad that I can at last put my finger on you, so to speak. Ever since you left Hollister, I have not been able definitely to say just where you were at a given time. Fortunately there was only one telegram, and the young folks brought it home and I kept forgetting to take it in and forward it and by the time we finally did get it forwarded I was pretty sure you were at Mills College. If you ever do go off again without leaving ~~for~~ me a definite schedule I am going to give up my job of forwarding mail.

Things are not coming along so well here. For one thing the weather was so cool that even the weeds would not grow, and for another thing the rabbits or something has eaten most of the garden, even the tomato vines. Now it has turned quite hot and maybe things will grow a bit. Kay killed two rabbits, one of which he got and ate, the other hid and he found it a week or so later. He has not been able to see any more. However, they continue to come in the night and eat on the garden. Caught a number of mice though and have a small kitten, half as big as your hand, that can catch mice already. She is not trying to do much with the garden since the things have been eaten. Therefore, she doesn't have so much to do. She does not come up to the house, and I can't get enough work for her to do. I never was much of a hand to get other people to work.

We have taken up the theme of driving up to meet you, but I have vetoed it. The youngsters want to go, but mother doesn't want to go and she would be a little afraid to stay here several nights alone, and she is afraid to be left alone with the dog. She is afraid he will eat up someone and she couldn't get him off. He is taking his job rather seriously, and had to be introduced to the milkman twice. Strangers are decidedly unwelcome. He is getting quite pugnacious. He has accounted for two skunks, with disastrous results. We shall have to stop that as the skunks kill mice and small rabbits. Last night he was out front chasing a big owl, or rather they were having a tilt at each other. It would fly low and scream at him and he would chase across after it. To go back to the trip. Aside from mother not wanting to go, and not wanting to leave her, there is a lot to do around here, and as we are going up later, why take time and trouble to go now? We are having to get new tires anyway, so I can't give that as a reason.

The furniture came from Sunnyside. The books are unpacked. The piano cannot be shipped from N.Y. until today, as Betty writes the engineers have been on a holiday and get back today. She has been on a short holiday also from breakdown. Esther has had a very bad spell and will be with her soon to recuperate, and her father is not so well.

Let us know when to meet you, and will we be glad to see you get back here. Heaps and heaps love,

Always yours,

Alma.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS
June 29, 1934.

Dear Alma:

It was a hot time in Georgia, and elsewhere along the trail but we finally got home about 8:30 last night, after making 471 miles from Bay St. Louis, Miss. yesterday. The day before we made it from La-Grange, Ga., where we spent one of the hottest nights ever experienced. Mother was worn out, fretful, and is laid up today for repairs. Will take her several days to get over the hard trip. Hard for her, but nothing unusual for us. Mother sure doesn't enjoy mountain driving! We do not have an idea where or when we will get Mother located but it is a sure thing that she will not remain in the home with us. Will look around to her heart's content and let her make the decision as she deems best, without pressure or persuasion from us. When the die is cast, will let you know her fate.

Norma got a lot of mountain laurel bushes, etc., ferns and a mountain side almost of things so we have had a big time digging this morning and setting out things in our yard. It is hot aplenty too but Turkish baths are usually considered good for ones complexion and general health.

We left Slab sides about noon, drove via Chimney Rock and Lake Lure to Hendersonville, thence to Brevard. N.C. Mother had to be put up at a hotel as she would not go with us to the Simpson home, where we spent the night, after teaching a Bible lesson to a houseful of folks that had come in. We had a big chicken supper with all the trimmings, and the next morning grits and gravy, ham and eggs, hot biscuits, jelly, fresh butter, buttered toast, milk, coffee, oatmeal, etc. It was some feed! both for supper and breakfast, but Mother would not share it with us. They have a big 11-room house on the side of a mountain, about one mile out of Brevard and a fine apple orchard, etc., with mountain stream flowing by their land, about 200 feet from the house. A lovely spot! We were carried away with the beauty of Biltmore Forest, suburb of Ashville. If you haven't seen it, do so by all means.

Hope you and the children are safely back from New York and enjoying a quiet rest after the strenuous times experienced recently. Suppose Kirby will be home in a week, or so. I do hope the mosquitoes are not so bad as when we were there, for they were vicious monsters to us.

Now to work, for there is many a dollar needed and they are not easily earned any more. Norma joins in greetings, too busy and tired to write.

Lovingly, *Frank*

League City Tx
July 1st 1935

Dear Alma

Well your letter came at

last yesterday, I have been so feeble lately that I just felt like I was just forgotten, I was in bed Sat & Sunday all up and about some of the time but I am just so weak. I cannot stay up long. It just seems like I cannot gain any strength this time and my knees hurt and get weak, you know how hard it is for one to rest I guess that is part of my trouble, I am thinking of trying to rent the

place to come 'one, Shelon Hanson runs the Gulf Station and he wants this place. Bad and so does Dallas Hanson, he has the other Humble Station here, but I do not think he has the money to run it. I believe Shelon would take better care of it than any one. I would have to talk to the man that has it for sale first - before I rent it but money is so scarce I do not think there is much danger of me selling soon. Jimmie says it must be all for the best or one would have sold it before now, they are getting lots of wells at Dickson

now and it might be best that I do not sell out, well I am out of the front - John has even taken over the Soda - so I am through, well about the rabbit eating the garden tell Mrs. Gray that - I am surprised that she would let such a thing happen, if I was there I would soon find a way to catch the scamp and then (wouldn't I eat rabbit) I can not get enough rabbit to eat here and I love them better than chicken, I have one a cat and one day Mr. Fix came by and I told him to catch me a rabbit - for my cat - so that evening the rabbit was here, I cleaned it and gave the cat

the head and front legs and next day
I gave him part of the back and it
looked so good I cooked the rest and ate
it myself. I sure got a big kick out of
that - telling them how I ate the cat-
rabbit; well I am keeping the check
this time many thanks to you both.
I might need it - for burial funds,
the individuals are to have a barbecue
at the Park on the 4 of July I told
them I hoped that I would be able
to eat that day so I could buy one
a dinner Johnson has promised that
she will go. but any way if she does
not I will get my dinner any way
tell me did you all build by the
plans that Shirley showed us or not
you never did say, lots of love to all
Yours Truly

League City Tex
July 29, 1935.

Dear Alma

Your letter received this morning
you did say in your letter that you had
some storm days but had to sleep under
a quilt. we do not need that down here
out even a sheet only near the morning
if you are in a draft. I got busy
and made one two slips and a voile
dress this week. I also did a big
washing this morning. my clothes are
all dry by now. it looks like
we might have another rain today we
had an electrical storm yesterday with
quite a little wind it knocked out

the phone, Johnnie and I heard it.
we first thought it was the machine
or lights but found out later that
it was the phone. I have not rented
the place yet, there is a party
that wants to buy but I do not want
on them much. so Kirby Jr has gone
on an outing. hope that he will have
a great time. well that is what he
always wanted. when he gets grown tell
him he can buy himself a ranch and
I will come to see him. have you all
been in swimming, oh there is no
need to ask you any question because
you will never answer them, I guess Wilfred
and family will be down Sunday as
they did not come down last Sunday

I told them to bring Barbara's clothes
so she could spend a few days with ~~us~~
I am ready to go crabbing again. I think
Landy got sick on what he ate last time,
but I did not. I told him that perhaps
he mixed something else with them.
talk about your sleep, I think one
ought to get enough one go to bed
about ten most every night some times
it is nine. before Johnnie eats breakfast
unless John has to go to work then she
has to get up at six, if I sleep later
than six I will most always have a
headache as you see I get up pretty early
as I always feel better, hope you are all
having a good time, lots of love to all
Lovingly Father



MONTICELLO HOTEL
CHARLOTTESVILLE IN VIRGINIA

August 20

Alma Darling:

Had one of the most fruitful experiences of my life at Massanetta. Having been previously attacked in their church paper, met with suspicion at the beginning, but soon found sympathetic hearing. Believe a profound impression was made by my seven addresses. These days did me good!

No hay fever yet!

Knocking on wood!

Off for Lake Junaluska!

Eager to hear about your trip.

Love to all

Kirby

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Lake Junaluska, N. C. August 23

Alma Darling:

Thank God you all came through safely! It must have been a terrible experience. Am eager to get more details.

Have no doubt you have been having a fine visit with the folks. Give them all my affectionate greetings. Wish that I could be there with you.

Am having a grand response here from these Methodist preachers and laymen. Leave Friday afternoon and reach Chicago Saturday afternoon. Address me at the Allerton Hotel, 701 North Michigan Avenue, where I will be until the following Friday night.

Better get in the habit of sending me a postcard or brief letter every day along the way. It will not take but a moment and will relieve my mind.

Be sure to call for mail at the GENERAL DELIVERY in Tucson - ask for all three of you. Keep my Chicago address prominently displayed in your purse in case of accident.

Hayfever struck me two days ago but in a mild form and I am not seriously inconvenienced as yet. Feeling tip-top.

Heaps of love

Kirby



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SEVEN FLOORS
FOR WOMEN

ALLERTON HOTEL
701 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

Chicago,

aug 27

Sweetheart:

Working away on the new
book. Hayfever is bad enough.
am on 15th floor facing the
Lake - which is better than
lower down.

unless I get word from
you to the contrary will plan
to arrive via Santa Fe
at Pasadena at 7:40 Monday
morning. Give me evvout
if necessary.

Heaps of love

1000 ROOMS

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 6th 5 PM

Kirby dear: There is not much
to tell. I started the weeding yesterday -
found the Sathers had ruined an orange tree -
cut the root all off - we later decided not -
also brought two sets of stalks over - so I
planted all the weeded vines in the garden
now - there are no visitors, have not even
started - Kay has been very sick of late -
the three of us moved the yard of tennis
patch, I took the wire off the old rabbit
pen as it is ready to use again.

There are still some berries, will add out
make a mess - none of all.

rainy & speaking & much cooler.
I pull mustard between times -

I miss you, of course, but am all right
Lovingly Mother

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sat. 10-5-35.

Darling:

Things pretty much as usual. Just one fog right after another. We had a fire in the fireplace the other day. I made up a job for grandma to do to get her to come in and sit for a while, but she soon got up and pranced out and we couldn't get her to come back. Mr. Durham brought out two small heaters and I gave her one and had it on for a while for her, but I doubt if she will use it much. She did admit that it warmed things a bit and I assured her that if she put a curtain in the door she would not have to keep it on all the time. She said she would use it some and put up the curtain.

Susie has written that she is not coming now, but is not altogether definite. Am writing her again and giving orders.

Am anxious to find out the outcome of your talk with Sherwood and Maud about California. Sherwood sure is a peach to give us another hundred. Not that we need it at all!?

Grandma seems to be pretty well satisfied so far, that is unless there is so much fog and cold she can't get outside, and there is apt to be rain or fog wherever she is, and certainly there will be cold. She is using water all right, and not so bad about skimping as she was.

Don't have any schedule yet, so please send it along if you haven't already done so. Heaps and heaps love,

Ever, always, yours,

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

October 8, 1935.

Dearest Alma:

These have been busy and rewarding days since I arrived. Sherwood is back and eager to go. They had a fine summer. I expect that you will get a glimpse of him in November. He is quite emphatic in his judgment that California is too far away, so you can reassure Kirby Jr. Not even remotely interested!

I am enclosing a document in which you will be intensely interested. I think we have struck a big idea. Will keep you in touch with developments.

This afternoon I am having a visit with Reinie. I hope to see Betty soon.

It was good to get your letter and also the one from Mother. Can't you get that chicken-house started or finished?

Mother Eddy passed away on September 27th, before Sherwood arrived.

Remember that I am a glutton for details of what is going on around the old dump!

Just had a grand visit
with Reinie + with Betty
+ Gene. more tomorrow.

Love

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Oct 10

Sweetheart:

Back from a round of Penn.
Colleges. Grand response.

Here is another check.

Glad to get the news. Hungry
for details. No letters yet from

Kirby Jr & Mary!

What courses are they taking,
etc., etc., etc.

Have asked Leon Couch to
transfer my church
membership. You might

tell Cheverton.

Reading proof!

Lovingly yours

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

October 12, 1935.

Darling:

I have been waiting for a letter telling me to send things to another address, as you said some time ago to send things to New York for a week more. Well, I am sending them on there until I get different orders.

✓ Lockhart wants reassurance that you are saving for him the date of November 5th and he expects us there the night before. Shall I forward on to you all the checks that come on here or shall I deposit them here? Or shall I keep them on hand until you come?

We are very slowly getting things accomplished, but the wild mustard we have with us always. As soon as it is finished up one place it crops up in another. And there is so much to be done that I hardly know where to begin or end. I worked outside all day yesterday, and most of the day before. Grandma spends heaps of time out and there is always much to be done. Kay has not been feeling any too good and has not done so much. He has made Mary's desk, tho, because Mary says she will soon be needing it. She is doing her work in your room now. She gets some work done in the house now and then. She has lots more studying to do than Kay does. It is the kind of courses she has. and there is the piano to take up a bit of her time.

Choto did his duty yesterday and killed a squirrel. I saw him from the kitchen window and saw he was chasing something grey, and went down to find what it was, and it was a squirrel and I just egged him on and kept him from quitting the job, and he actually did catch it. I went down after it, (below the road) and he took it away from me and carried it up to the railing and laid it down, so I took it and grandma ~~had~~ skinned it while I held it, and I cooked it and it was tender. We had thought it would be tough. It was nice and fat.

Most of the cantalope vines died, but there is a watermelon that is about ten inches long. Grandma has just discovered the blackbirds eating the seeds from the garden, and has asked Kay to shoot them a couple of times. L.A. had a little rain yesterday but we did not.

Sorry Sherwood isn't interested in coming out here, but he knows what he wants best. However will do all I can to interest him in this kind of life when he comes out here.

Could you go out to the house and get some stuff from the attic? Mary wants the Chinese cash. She wants to use them for decorating some dresses, belts, etc, and buttons. Also if you go there are three little brass bowls wrapped and in the box with the dishes I think. The cash are in a pasteboard box with some of the

Kodak pictures. What about two or three of the framed pictures? Could you transport or have transported those two Italian scenes, one of them is a ship picture. They are worth several dollars each framed. You could stick the cash somewhere in your suit case.

Heaps and heaps of love, then some.

Ever, always, yours,

Elmer

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Oct 16

dear K

Glad indeed to get your letter today. Went right over to Alex Taylor & got a \$12 racket for \$9¹⁰ delivered in khittier. You should get it soon and I hope you like it.

Better practice a lot before Christmas!

What courses are you taking? How goes football? Is work at home proving to be heavy? A few kind words for Chots.

as ever

Dad

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Oct 17

Darling:

Things are coming along slowly but surely. I have been staying pretty close to home as there hasn't been so much to go to and have been getting to bed early and trying to keep in good trim. We have had several rather cool days and one small rain. It sounded as if there was a storm, but it didn't amount to much.

I waited a long time to get your addresses, and as I didn't get anything I sent your last letter to New York. I even took the envelope to the post office with me before addressing it. I think that was last Friday. I did not get your letter until Monday. I even went by on Sunday in case something had been put in after I got it on Saturday. So in future remember that nothing is sorted from Saturday **noon** until Monday morning. No use wasting extra postage unless it is to be delivered.

Heaps and heaps love, Then some. Mother seems a little more content but that doesn't preclude worrying. However, she asked for peanut butter and graham crackers yesterday. The last time I had tried to give her sweet crackers she had refused them. That is a good sign. She also got some oatmeal. Again, heaps and heaps of love,

Ever your own,

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 19, 1935.

Dearest:

I have had a splendid week of it with countless meetings.

I wrote you about my experiences in Des Moines. In the late afternoon of the second day I went to Ames for two additional meetings. The next day I was in Chicago. In the afternoon I spoke at Northwestern University and in the evening at Chicago Theological Seminary. The next day I spent at Hiram College, which you will remember is one of the Disciple Institutes. On Saturday and Sunday I was in Cleveland for a conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. On Sunday evening we had a combined meeting of young people's societies. We packed 1200 in one of the large churches and had to turn a considerable number away for lack of room.

Yesterday I was at a State Teacher's College in Pennsylvania, with a grand response.

I will be around New York for 10 days so you had better send mail here. I run out for a day to various places but will be back in the office at least every second day.

After I talked with the folks here I will bring you up to date. Sherwood called off the balance of his trip as you know. He has just come back from the doctor's office, and is awaiting word for final diagnosis. He is able to be about but is very careful.

*I am glad Mother Newman has
finally put in appearance -
if she has!!*

*Love
Kirby*

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 20, 1935.

Darling:

Things are coming along all right so far. I have been out side most of the time and have been doing rather well. Had a nice time at the fair with Miss Kahlmeyer, and have gotten your mother interested enough to go when it opens again, in January. Susie came along Friday morning, the 15th and likes the place very much. She will help you rave about it. Only, she nearly freezes to death. You should see the way she wraps up herself. She is about as bad as your mother, except that she wants nicer looking things. She is not strong enough to work out as much as your mother, but she putters around in the house a bit. I think she will be a match for your mother. Mother Murry said something to her about going back to Texas now that she was here to help me, and Susie told her that if she went back she would go too.

Got some more rabbits yesterday and they are very nice looking. Kay is smacking his lips in anticipation of eating the three little bucks at Thanksgiving time. He is planning the meal and asking the two boys. He told me yesterday that I planned the meals 365 days, but this was one day he was going to plan one meal, and I told him O.K. to go ahead. However, I am to make him some pies. It is to be some meal with Smashed potatoes and candied yams both. no deviation allowed.

I am about to get him to get some wood. If I get the larger heater for the front room I will have to draw on the N.Y. account. It is \$30. I have enough to get along on the rest of the month, including the payment of 75 and for the rabbits yesterday. but I can't stretch it for the heater. Shall I draw for that much or will you send me a check?

Heaps and heaps love, and then some, and then lots more.

Ever your own,

Alma

P.S. Missed Sherwood at the F.O.R. meeting and hope he is getting along all right. I still think he should move out here and let Pat take the party over ~~next~~ summer.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 21, 1935.

Darling:

Gee, will things never stop happening? Now your mother is up in arms again and declares she is going to leave here Saturday evening. She just sprung it on me this evening, I have tried in all ways I know how to discuss the matter with her. I told her that you would blame me, in the hope that that would get her to stay. She thinks I have been crying, but I don't see any use in letting go and getting a headache.

Never in my life have I seen anyone who worked so hard at being unhappy, and making other folks unhappy. I am confident that there will be another row when she gets to Houston and says she is going to Lufkin. I'll never believe that Leak has not been instrumental in getting her to decide to return to Texas, as he has continued to harp on the pension business. He now tells her that it has become law and ALL ~~xxxxxxxx~~ that has to be done now is raise the money.

I believe she may be a little jealous of Susie because she has a little bit of money to spend and is independent in that way. I wish to the Lord we hadn't spent all that money on the chickens and such things, as we certainly could have used it otherwise, and I frankly don't want the care of them. Susie is not at all sure she is going to stay here, and then I sure will be alone. Of course, she will be dreadfully unhappy wherever she is, but she is likely to be abnormally unhappy back there. I hope you will not send her any money when she goes back, just let Leak take care of her altogether, and if she has to do without so many things she may want to come back sooner. She is going to be dreadfully disappointed, as things will be nothing like she is expecting them to be.

I frankly don't know what to do. I at first told her I would not take her to the train, then she said she would walk down and get someone to come after her. I haven't promised, altogether, but I just happened to think just now that the kiddies will both be away Saturday with the cars at a football game. Maybe that will delay her a day.

Love, Love, heaps heaps love.

Ever always,
Your own

Alma.

If you send telegram
send to house

November 25, 1935.

Dearest Alma:

So sorry to hear that Mother is upset again. I was almost positive that she would want to leave as soon as your Mother arrived. I think it is unwise for us to urge her to stay. That is the reason I wired her yesterday afternoon. Your letter did not reach me until the middle of the afternoon on Sunday and I immediately wired.

Mother is going to be unhappy wherever she is although I think she would be much better off with us. We must let her follow her own desires. At any rate you must not let the matter get on your own nerves.

I have written to her both in Houston and La Habra since I do not know what her final decision was.

I was at Bridgeport last night debating Hornell Hart on socialism. The questionnaires are pouring in and for some weeks now we will be deluged. I know you must be envious.

Herewith I am enclosing a copy of my itinerary. Air mail is very uncertain. You had better wire me a night letter if you wish to reach me quickly. Under separate cover I am sending you a fountain pen.

Be free to draw on the New York bank for the \$30. required for the electric heater.

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347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

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Kisses Galore

Kirby

November 25, 1935.

Dearest Mothers:

Since your letter I do not know whether I should address you in California or in Texas, so I am sending a copy to both places.

I think I understand how you feel about returning to Texas and I have no inclination to urge you to stay in California against your wishes. You know also that my own judgment is that you will be more unhappy by yourself at Lufkin than you would be with us but if you feel strongly that you want to return to Texas then we will not stand in the way.

It may be that you will want to make a visit to Texas and then come back to California. You will always be welcomed with deep affection and the apartment will be ready for you.

For the next two weeks you had better send letters here and they will be forwarded. I expect to reach home on December 17th and will be there until after Christmas. In the meantime I am awaiting eagerly for your decision.

All goes well at this end and we are having many meetings with an excellent response.

Heaps and heaps of love,

~~Clear book debts do not need money~~
Cleveland Nov 30

Kirby Dear

here I am back in Texas
with every body mad at me -

Alma & Ray took me to the train at
Alhambra - Monday night I reached Ft.
at nine Wed night, Leah met me -
& staid over Thursday - yesterday he &
Alma brought me up here about 50
miles I think - got a tourist cabin for
two dollars per week, everything will
will look for small house with
garden lawn. If cannot find it, why
I will try some other place. Mr. Park
never answered me - as that will be
the last resort & I stood the trip well
feel all right - good weather, continue
I will write of my new address late Mother

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Nov 30, 1935.

Darling:

Had a letter from Clarice asking what to do about things. What have you done about the Sunnyside place. Hope you get around to where you can let me know. I suppose that if the house is taken over you will want the bundles of correspondence kept. At least I told Clarice so. I told her some other things I wanted.

Kay went after some wood today. He and Bick and Durham went to where they are cutting out a Walnut orchard. Got a good load for the work to cutting it out. We got some wood last Saturday. Bought it. It is already seasoned and ready to burn. This he got today will have to stand a while before it will burn good. There are three litters of rabbits, eight each that came in on the 24th or 25th. There will be a big bunch of little ones when you get here that are to come in on the 11th and 12th. I am kept busy making good boxes for them. And hay baskets.

Susie is having a grand time. She surely will help you to exclaim over things when you get here. Everything is so new to her and she is having such a good time discovering it all. She enjoyed seeing the first big fog the other morning and wrote and told them she had been in the clouds.

We ate rabbit for thanks giving and for once Kay had enough pie. It isn't all eaten as yet. You should be here to help him out in eating it. Mary is ready to go in to town now and I must stop so she can mail this. Heaps and heaps love,

Ever, always, your own,

Alma

Monday Dec 31st
Kirby Dear - all well
with me & rec'd the
picture - its the best you
ever had taken - so
natural - looks like you
might speak to me
thanks a lot for it.

well, I am glad xmas
is about over - these
people are going out to
night - they have done
a lot of entertaining,
& running around. I
have had to stay in my
room a lot more

I do so hate to hurt
Leah's feelings but I
think I will leave her
in another month —
just seems like I can't
stand to live this way
always — will not spend
much just what I have
to — to get a shelter, &
something to eat —
I have lost sleep — prayed —
& worried — but I am
afraid to do away with
myself. God only knows
what I ought to do —
Love from Mother



ALLERTON HOUSE

143 East 39th Street

NEW YORK

December 1, 1934

Sweetest Wife:

Had a wonderful time with Harold and Laura on Thanksgiving day. Arrived early and stayed late. They had reached the parting of the ways, but have now agreed to try again for another two months at least. It is a long tangled story that I will tell you about soon.

My day at Bethany College in West Virginia was one of the most fruitful of my life. My talks and wonderful response. It is impossible to estimate just what may come out of such an impact.

Spent much of today at a council meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and am more enthused than ever over the possibilities.

Tomorrow I go up to New Haven for a forum and then to Philadelphia on Monday for a ministers' meeting. Our Fellowship meets on Monday evening.

Will try to get a glimpse of Betty and Gene while here.

It will not be long now!

Devotedly yours

Kirby

Wednesday morning, December 4

Mother Dear:

Glad indeed to get your letter from Cleveland and hope that you quickly find the kind of place that you are seeking. Be sure to tell us details about various places that you explore.

I shall plan to have a visit with you in February on my way to New Orleans and other Southern points.

These are busy days with me. Have been on the sleeper five out of the last seven nights. Getting a splendid response.

Expect to reach home on December 17th and remain until after Christmas.

Know you enjoyed a good visit with the folks in Houston.

We love you heaps and heaps and heaps and want you to do what you think best. We shall be thinking and praying for you constantly.

Affectionately your son

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BOSTON, MASS. dec 8

Alma Sweetheart:

Feeling grand - if somewhat tired!

Great response yesterday morning
in symphony Hall at Community
Church. Spoke six times on Saturday

at high school conference. Tonight

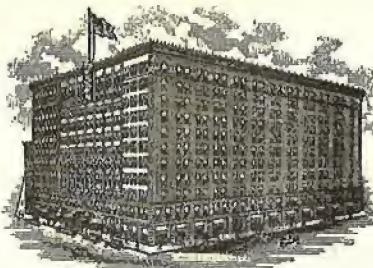
at high school conference. Tonight
in Worcester. Stopped in Detroit

Tuesday night to see Harold Gray's
mother about gift for national
pacifist campaign.

The Buck Hill Falls pacifist
conference launched new movement.
Hope to secure budget of million
dollars) and enlist leading men
of nation in tremendous effort
to keep the nation from going to

war & to build a powerful
pacifist movement. Ray Newton
& the Friends Service Committee
is coming to California on the
16th. We are seeing Mendenhall
on the 17th to urge him to
get a year's leave of absence
and devote his whole time
as chairman of this new
movement. This is absolutely
confidential & should not be
mentioned to a soul. We
are asking Ben Cherrington to
serve as Co-director with Ray
Newton. He is arriving California
soon & we are seeing him on
afternoon of the 17th. Confidential!!
I am tremendously excited
over the possibilities of this united
movement & expect to devote

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BOSTON, MASS.

most of my time to it during
the coming year.

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The questionnaire project is
being taken over and financed by
this new movement. Replies
are pouring in!

Spent three days in
Pocatello & Idaho & expect reach
home early Tuesday morning the
17th. will give exact hour soon.

If you need to wire me,
send telegram to Union Pacific
Train No. 21 arriving
Cheyenne 11:50 Then A.M.
Green River " 8:00 " P.M.

Have a thousand things to
talk over with you.

It will be grand to see
you.

Love and kisses. Kisses and love

Yours only

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dec. 11, 1935.

Darling:

Things are coming along about as usual, except that the gophers are working harder than we can. They probably will not hold up at all up here on the hill. We continue to catch them now and then, but they are still abundant.

You would die laughing to see Choto. He thinks he is an old mother hen and spends much of his time looking after the small chicks. He tries to keep them where they belong and has a big job. He lets them eat all around him and over him and on him. We got a picture of him with them. He wants to love them but doesn't know how to go about it.

I spend most of my time outside and let everything else go. Have to come in now and then to get some of the dust out when it gets too much to wade through. Then too, we have to eat now and then, and things must be cooked. Susie and I spent most of the morning getting some seed boxes ready to plant seeds in, and that is the way our time goes. I have to go in now and get something to eat, and some money, which always seems to be running out at inconvenient times. We had an old hen to eat the other day, and she lasted a few days for lunch, but we need a change now and I must get something.

There are a good many letters here, but I will wait until you get home. Nothing extremely urgent and you would hardly answer them before coming home anyway.

Heaps and heaps and heaps more love,

Always and ever,

your own

Alma

Cleveland Dec-13-

Fairy dear - I thought I better
write, & say that I am all right. I told
Alma where I am, have fitted up two rooms for
winter use, have heater & plenty of wood & kindlings
got my sink from Lucks & never bought such
sorta camping until I see further ahead. ~~there is~~
~~out~~ no R.R. or telephone and here but plenty
traveling on the road. one family the length of
the garden from one, other not far & at least
I am out of everybody way. quite a bit rain
but not real cold yet, no use to sand no telephone
have to go to P.C. for mail & to the door to walk
every day, you will glad about to sit here
by the tree that got ^{over} & wish you all a
Merry Happy Xmas, of course & love & want
to see you always. Mother

Cleveland, Tex, Dec 18-

Kirby Dear, Leah, & Norma came up
last Sunday - brought me more things to use - &
lots of Xmas groceries, so I am all fixed.
the Lady across the garden will get my mail once
a week any way - if I do not feel like walking in
when the weather is bad - have not rented the front
rooms - I am using the dining room for my bedroom
fire place heater in the Kitchen keeps it nice -
cook on two burner oil stove - when not on heater -
& am just resting from mouth to mouth -
to see how I stand things - too wet to start any
garden yet - if I hold out - will get a cow later on -
bermuda grass enough to feed one through the summer -
& that would well for a pig or two. I have a cat
& one hen - she was setting on four eggs that would not
hatch - in a rubbish heap now she is fanned up - waiting
for company. I am all right - but lonesome - are, I would be
every body loves Mother

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Enroute to Pocatello, December 11, 1935.

Sweetheart:

Feeling grand. Can hardly wait until I see you. Heap thousand things to discuss. Expect to arrive Tuesday morning. Am coming via Union Pacific and will get off at the Union Pacific station in Pico just before eight o'clock Tuesday morning. Note that I am not coming to L. A. or to Pasadena, but to Pico.

You will be intensely interested in the enclosed carbons.

Almost immediately upon arrival Tuesday morning, we are to go with Ray Newton and lay our important proposal before President and Mrs. Mendenhall. Then Tuesday afternoon we talk in Whittier with Ben Cherrington. And so on and on into the night!

Save up a million kisses.

Your

Kirby

December 26, 1935

Dearest Mother:

We thought about you all day yesterday and hope that you had a happy time. We wondered if Leak and Norma were able to come up and spend the day with you. We had a grand time here. Professor and Mrs. Coffin and Tom came out for dinner. The eight of us had a fine time together.

Mary left at 4.30 this morning for the Student Conference at Asilomar. Whittier has a record breaking delegation of 27 delegates. This will be a glorious experience for them all.

Kirby is spending his vacation at home. He first thought that he would go to Arizona, but decided not to go.

Alma and I went to Santa Barbara last week where we interviewed several rich people and succeeded in getting a gift of \$5,000 for the No-War Movement which is being sponsored by the Quakers and other pacifist groups. I expect to give much of my time in cooperating with this effort. I am leaving tomorrow night for a big convention in Memphis where 5000 Methodist young people will be gathered from all over the South. On January 1st I will be in Chicago at the Hotel Morrison. After that for the next two or three weeks you had better send letters to 347 Madison Avenue, Room 704.

The weather here is simply glorious and we are enjoying ourselves to the utmost.

Heaps of love.